



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**October 28, 2018**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**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** Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort, BuxWV 185 Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Preserve Us, Lord, Through Your Word*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Building a Rainbow WPC Youth

**INTROIT** (11:00) Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? African-American spiritual  
 arr. Roger Emerson

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel, deliver Daniel? Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, then why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den, Jonah from the belly of the whale, and the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, then why not every man? (Refrain)

I set my foot on the Gospel ship, and the ship begin to sail; It landed me over on Canaan's shore, And I'll never come back no more. (Refrain)

African-American spiritual

Boys' and Girls' Choirs

Members of the Chancel Choir

Trebles of the Westminster Choristers

Mary Lou Holt, Piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As we gather in the presence of the holy,

**People: We find the Spirit.**

Leader: Moving in our lives, bringing comfort and yet transforming,

**People: The Spirit finds us.**

Leader: Awed by the colors of sunrise and sunset,

**People: We meet the Creator.**

Leader: Seeing our fellow creatures and all that unites us,

**People: The Creator meets us.**

Leader: In the breaking of bread around a common table,

**People: We meet the Redeemer.**

Leader: In our work and service,

**People: The Redeemer meets us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\*HYMN NO. 260 (blue hymnal) (9:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

\*HYMN NO. 457 (blue hymnal) (11:00) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art  
*Toulon*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Gracious God, forgive us. Forgive us the blindness that does not see the truth about ourselves and our need for you. Forgive us for not seeing the needs of those around us. Forgive us for viewing your good creation as an object for our use rather than a subject of our care and protection. Forgive us for looking at the world through the prism of cynicism, despair and fear rather than faith, hope and love. Transform us with a vision of your Kingdom, revealed to us through the life of 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**

**MOTET** (11:00) God Is Our Refuge and Strength

God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.

Mark 10:46-52

W. A. Mozart

Psalm 46:1

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

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (9:00)

Ruby Jean Wells

**SCRIPTURE**

Job 42:1-6, 10, 16

**SERMON**

“Learning to See in the Dark”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 280** (blue hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

*Amazing Grace*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Adapted from Romans, Chapter 5

**Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his 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.*

“Lord, save us from being self-centered in our prayers and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray, that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with sensitivity, with understanding and with imagination.”

A Prayer of John Calvin (1509-1564)

**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) Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? African-American spiritual  
 (The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Grant Peace, We Pray Felix Mendelssohn  
 Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, In our time peace, oh, send us! For there is none on earth but Thee, None other to defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

Medieval Antiphon  
 paraphrased by Martin Luther

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) (11:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein' feste Burg*

**\*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. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis' Canon*  
(Sing in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning)

**\*POSTLUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Gottfried Walther  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Susan McKeegan and Brian Bonnyman

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

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER 1-15:** Susan McKeegan 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):** Jacob Phillips and Jake Palmer

**GREETERS (11:00):** Shirley Wittman and Sue Caradine

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Tom Byerley

**LITURGISTS:**

(9:00) Daniel Berry

(11:00) Deborah Phillips

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs, members of the Chancel Choir, and Trebles of the Westminster Choristers

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

**SENIOR USHER:** Elizabeth Ridley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Daniel Berry

(11:00) Sue Caradine, Jerry and Scott Carley, Mary Lou Crow and Reed Ellis

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Renee and Bill Wiesehuegel in celebration of Ruby Jean Well's baptism and her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**OUR THANKS** to Lisa Ellis, Amy Dale Reddick, John Johnson, and John Harrison for their assistance in the singing of this morning's spiritual and to Mary Lou Holt for accompanying it. Their help has been critical in enabling our sharing it in worship this morning!

Peter Van Eenam

**NOTES ON THIS MORNING'S MUSIC:** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed his *God Is Our Refuge and Strength* at the age of nine(!) while visiting London with his father, dedicating it to the British Museum, which still preserves the original manuscript. The Roger Emerson arrangement of the African-American spiritual *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?* is a favorite of our young choirs. Its rhythmic drive and syncopations are particularly appealing and engaging for both the choirs and the congregation! The Mendelssohn anthem, composed in 1831, is a lovely, flowing setting of the ancient text paraphrased by Martin Luther.

**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/> **SESSION MEETING** is today following the 11:00 service.

**FALL WORKDAY:** Come join us as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, November 4, from 8:00 AM to noon. Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership (and coffee and donuts).

**THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP IS HERE!** 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.

We're building a rainbow together, and in doing so highlighting the ministries that make Westminster such an amazing place to grow and connect! Today, we're focusing on Fellowship. We invite you to take the yellow in our rainbow, and write the ways you enjoy and experience Fellowship at Westminster. You may also write suggestions of how you would like to experience Fellowship in our Westminster community. Please place the yellow sheet in the collection plate, and watch the rainbow grow!

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.

**BLT** with Dr. Phillips (Bible Lunch Tuesdays) begins at noon every Tuesday. You are welcome to bring your lunch and your bible and join us.

**WEDNESDAY WITH WESTMINSTER** will resume November 7.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** is deploying teams affected by Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. You can give financial support by sending WPC a check with the code DR000194 on the memo line. We will forward the monies to the PDA. Your donation will be included in your annual Contribution statement from Westminster.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** is TONIGHT! The Youth and Fellowship Team are ready for the best one yet! Westminster parking lot will be filled with games, trick-or-treating, cute little goblins, and some pretty cute bigger goblins, too! Loads of fun games including the fishing and duck pond game, Doughnut Dangle, Witch's Hat Ring Toss, and a "Cake Walk". We even have a dunking booth!! The Fellowship team is providing a pizza dinner for everyone. And let's not forget about that we have fabulous prizes for the best Trunk Decorating!!! EVERYONE is invited to this every-generation event. People who are decorating trunks or helping with games should arrive by 5:00 (that includes all the youth for game set-up.) The dinner and Trunk-or-Treating will begin at 5:30. It should be a Boooootiful evening!!

**WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets November 1 at 10:00 AM.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, November 8. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. 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 Kathy Shilling. Thanks for your help!

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**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 under.

**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, studying Revelations.

**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? If so, this class is for you. On the next two Sundays 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.

**LECONTE HIKE 2019:** Now is the time to register for hiking spaces to LeConte! We will be hiking on July 27, 2019. To reserve your spot - please send in \$50 per hiker (mark on the memo line of your check that it is for LeConte). The remaining balance of \$102 will be due prior to the hike. You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity!

**SCHILLING GALLERY GUILD** needs your help! We are looking for nativities to fill our display cases during November/December. If you have a special nativity or two that you would like to contribute for this exhibit, please deliver to the office on October 28th through 31st. Be sure to put your name on the items you will be loaning to us. We are always amazed at the variety of beautiful nativities that people in our church family have collected. If you are willing to share your nativity with our congregation, please contact Judy Jordan by cell or email. Thank you for helping us celebrate the upcoming Christmas season.

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS:** We are having an auction to benefit the youth and their pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch this summer. Please submit donations by December 31.