



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 4, 2018
10:00 A.M.

TWENTY FOURTH 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.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

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

PRELUDE O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, No. 3 Johannes Brahms
O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Andrew Gordon

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: **Do not put your trust in rulers, in humans, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Leader: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD their God ...

People: **who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry; who keeps faith forever.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN** Come Away From Rush and Hurry Hyfrydol
(See insert)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, in every age you have called people to live in faith. Forgive us

when “the communion of saints” becomes merely a line in a creed, rather than a call to embody a life of justice and faithfulness. Forgive us when we do not follow Jesus’s way of compassion and mercy and peace. Forgive us for neglecting our role as stewards of all that you and those who have gone before have given us. Help us to live, love and give with the same generous spirit as our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose 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 Isaiah 1:11-17, Mark 12:28-34

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews selections, Revelations 21:1-4

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“I’m working at trying to be a Christian” ~Maya Angelou

***HYMN NO. 526** (blue hymnal) For All the Saints *Sine Nomine*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The ’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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) Intradad No. 1 and 8 Johann Pezel

Carol Beilharz and Andrew Layne, Trumpets

(11:00) My Soul, There Is a Country C. H. H. Parry

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars, where stands a winged sentry, All skilful in the wars: There, above noise and danger, Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles And One, born in a manger Commands the beauteous files. He is thy gracious friend, And O my soul awake! Did in pure love descend To die here for thy sake. If thou canst get but thither, There grows the flow’r of Peace, The Rose that cannot wither, Thy fortress, and thy ease. Leave then thy foolish ranges, For none can thee secure But One who never changes, Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Henry Vaughan

Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues (11:00))...to the glory of your name.

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

(Prayer continues (11:00))...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Jesu, meine Freude Michael Beyer

Jesus, My Joy

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00)**

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

***POSTLUDE** O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Brian Bonnyman

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOV 1-15: Susan McKeehan 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 care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Wes and Sandra Williams

ACOLYTES: Kara and Macy Porter

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Erik Kringen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Scott Brunger and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Buz Johnson, Judy Jorden, Bill Holt, Andrew and Kristi Gordon

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in to the Glory of God and in honor of Abigail M. Hatmaker, and in honor of all the Clergy and Staff at WPC.

OUR THANKS to Carol Beilharz and Andrew Layne for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service. Many thanks also to Jim Mason for graciously providing background information on the poet of this morning’s offertory anthem and to John Harrison for bringing this anthem to Peter Van Eenam’s attention.

HENRY VAUGHAN, a Welsh poet, was perhaps one of the last to attempt the “metaphysical” style associated with poets of an earlier generation, notably John Donne and George Herbert. Vaughan, who attributed his turn to religious poetry to his having studied Herbert, practiced medicine and held minor public offices. Like his twin brother Thomas, an Anglican priest, he suffered loss of position and property during the Puritan Revolution. “Peace”, one of his best known poems, provides the text for Hubert Parry’s anthem. Escape from the pains of this world is a common theme in Vaughan’s poetry, perhaps influenced by the turmoil of the Puritan era during which he took up writing.

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275.

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

WESTMINSTER’S 2018 HABITAT HOUSE BUILD:

November 10 – Trim and cabinets will be installed, January 12 – The house will be dedicated : <http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

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 at. Thanks for your help!

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.

JUSTICE KNOX ANNUAL ASSEMBLY is Monday, November 12th from 7 to 8:30 PM at Tabernacle Baptist Church 2137 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue. We'll hear what Justice Knox congregations learned from their House Meetings and Listening Sessions and move forward on our justice issues in Mental Health, Education and Affordable Housing. Carpools will leave WPC parking lot at 6:30. Let's have a tremendous turnout from Westminster!! Please RSVP to Judy Barnette, Martha Reynolds, or Jackie Vanden Dorpel

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 (pre-school and primary).
Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 Adult Sunday School hour for children 4th 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 Revelation.

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 - Beginning this Sunday morning, we will have a three-week series about *Won’t You Be My Neighbor?* the movie about Mr. Rogers. We’ll meet at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall to view a portion of the movie. We’ll follow each portion with some discussion time.

WWW: Our guest for WWW this week will be Paul James, Development Director for Knoxville History Project. He will be telling us about Henry Ijams and his contributions to Knoxville. Next week, we welcome Stephen Lyn Bales, one of the naturalists at Ijams Nature Center. Dinner is at 5:45, followed by programs at 6:30.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER’S critical needs this month are men’s pants sizes 30-34 and men’s books. The drop off collection area at Westminster can be found at the base of the stairwell leading to the Children’s education wing.

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!

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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 Environmental Ministry. We invite you to take the green in our rainbow, and write the ways you enjoy and experience Environmental Ministry at Westminster. You may also write suggestions of how you would like to experience Environmental Ministry in our Westminster community. Please place the green 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.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: The next meeting of the Men's Breakfast Fellowship will be Thursday, November 8th at 7:30 am. The lesson will be presented by Phil Barnette, and will be on the following subject. "Hans Rosling was a medical doctor, professor of international health, and renowned public educator. He was an advisor to the World Health Organization and to Unicef. He was listed as one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world. He spent the last 13 years of his life, 'Developing A Fact-Based Worldview', through lectures viewed more than 35 million times. We will view and discuss a short presentation by Rosling." Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Jerry Carley. No reservation is necessary. Come and bring a friend.

DREAM BIKE DAY is today in our parking lot from 9-3! Bring your extra bikes, bike parts and donate them to be rebuilt and refurbished for the community. What is Dream Bikes? They provide young people work experience, which opens up future job opportunities and makes a difference in their lives; this program is empowering and helping our community grow stronger.

WAMS AND SHOW: We're having a Game Night in youth TONIGHT. Bring a favorite game or play one of ours! We'll have board, NOT bored:) games, ping pong, pool, volleyball, 4-square, and foosball. Betty is making a yummy meal, too!! Take a break, and see if you can defeat the amazing Scott! We meet from 5-7 p.m. Hope to see you then!!