



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 11, 2018
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY FIFTH 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

(9:00) Sinfonia Adriano Banchieri

Brass Choir

(11:00) Honie-Suckle and Night Watch Anthony Holborne

(from *Pavans, Galliards, Almains and Other Short Airs*)

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Building a Rainbow JP and Meredith Mackay

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done wonderful things.
Let the world and everything in it sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD.

People: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 464 (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Hymn to Joy

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess to you the poverty of our spirits. We convince ourselves that we do not have enough; enough time, enough recognition, enough stuff. All the while, we fail to see the emptiness of others. In a world that cries out daily for justice and hope, we empty ourselves in confession, so that you would fill us with your abundant grace and the unconditional love of 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

Ruth 1:15-18, 4:13-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kathleen Farnham

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

“The Subtlety of God”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 428 (blue hymnal) We Give Thee but Thine Own Schumann

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

God made us to care for other created things. God made human beings along with all the other creatures and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it.

We acknowledge we share in the interdependence that binds together all God’s creation. Yet God gives us power to rule and tame, to order and reshape the world. We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things.

The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce in ways that make the earth’s goodness available to all people and reflect God’s love for all creatures. The Lord bids us use our technical skills for beauty, order, health, and peace.

God made us for life in community. God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

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) Gaudeamus omnes

William Byrd
trans. Scott Hartman

Brass Choir

(11:00) Psalm 150

John Harper

Alleluya, Alleluya. Praise God in his holy place, Praise him in his mighty heav’ns, Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness. Alleluya, Alleluya. O praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp, Praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe. Alleluya, Alleluya. O praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let ev’rything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 360 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Hope of the World Donne secours

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00) Threefold Amen for Two Voices

Peter Van Eenam

*POSTLUDE Verbum supernum (O Salutaris)

Marcel Dupré

*O Heavenly Word (O Redeeming Sacrifice)
(from *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*)*

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Charlie and Alice Mercer in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Vicki Mayfield and Jay Schmid
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOV 1-15: Susan McKeehan and Kathy Shilling

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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): Gracie Kringen and Lucy Gilbert

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jack Carley

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Don Graham

(11:00) Larry Ridley, Elizabeth Ridley, Mark Potocik, Betty and Leonard McKeehan

JOHN HARPER is Music Research Professor of Music and Liturgy at The Royal School of Church Music and Director of the new International Centre for Sacred Music Studies at Bangor University in Wales. He is Emeritus Director of The Royal School of Church Music as well as a Visiting Scholar at Sarum College, Salisbury, England. This morning's energetic psalm setting seems particularly appropriate as we mention the role of music and the arts in our worship.

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

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 - November 4 we began 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.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is this Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Finance and Congregational Care are in charge of refreshments.

BLT will conclude this Tuesday, November 13 for the season. Join Buran and friends for lunch and bible lesson at noon.

WEDNESDAY WITH WESTMINSTER: We will welcome Stephen Lyn Bales, one of the naturalists at Ijams Nature Center. Dinner is at 5:45, followed by programs at 6:30.

THE LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will gather at Puleo's Grill, 110 Cedar Lane, on Thursday, November 15 at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to Betty McKeehan at. Meet at the church at 11:00 to carpool.

JUSTICE KNOX is a coalition of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim faith groups dedicated to working on social justice issues here in Knoxville. WPC is a member and we urge you to attend the Justice Knox Annual Assembly.

Justice Knox Annual Assembly

Monday, November 12th, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Tabernacle Baptist Church 2137 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue

Carpools will leave the WPC parking lot at 6:30 pm. Please respond if you want to carpool and we promise not to leave without you!! Jackie Vanden Dorpel

SHOW AND WAMS: We have a BIG Sunday planned for youth this Sunday! We are having dinner and a movie (an evening where everything goes together and has a point... or for this movie, it will have us seeing spots!!) We will be viewing the classic 101 Dalmatians outside, projected on the side of the church!!!! There are great questions and discussion about friendship, helping others, and bullies that go along with this curriculum. It should be a great evening. (Make sure and bring a folding chair, coat or blanket.) We will begin at 5 p.m. and finish up by 7 p.m. We hope to SPOT you at youth tonight!!

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!

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

DINNER WITH FRIENDS: Westminster's young families are invited to dinner together at the Powells' home, November 18, 5:00-7:30 PM. A nursery is available at the church that evening. For more information or to RSVP, contact Allie at

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.

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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

Next Sunday, is **DEDICATION SUNDAY**. You received the purple of our rainbow in the mail, enclosed in the envelope was a pledge card and Time and Talent. Hopefully, you will review it and respond, having identified what you want your personal place in our church's life to be. November 18 is the day we return these items and celebrate the culture that is Westminster Church.

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2020

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James Everett

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