



Westminster's Dedication Sunday

I thank my God every time I remember you.

~ Philippians 3:1

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 18, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY SIXTH 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 Canzona No. 8 in G, BuxWV 175 Dieterich Buxtehude

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Building a Rainbow Ashley Porter

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 138** (blue hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we struggle to be hopeful people. The events of our world and the circumstances of our lives often weigh heavily on our spirits. Because of that, we give in to cynicism, take refuge in unproductive habits, and forget your promise always to be with your creation. Forgive us for neglecting the practical, everyday matters that nourish the soil from which hope grows; worship, prayer, study, encouraging one another to do good, being open to your Spirit, living and loving in the manner of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Take us where we need to be. 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 Hebrews 10:11-13,19-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

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

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:1-8

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.”

The Confession of 1967 PCUSA

***HYMN NO. 423** (blue hymnal) Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *Duke Street*

***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 Prelude on Holy Manna Cathy Marker

Handbell Choir

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 555** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Now Thank We All Our God
Nun danket alle Gott

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen
Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Canzona Domenico Zipoli

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Maggie Gordon and Buz Johnson

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOV 16-30: Susan McKeenan and Lana

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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): Ella Chattin and Fiona Collins

GREETERS (11:00): Tom and Georgann Byerley

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Reed Ellis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Handbell Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Kathy Huck and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Brenda Seip, Ashley and Scott Porter

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Frank and Marty Marsh in Thanksgiving and to the glory of God in loving memory of Catherine “Cathy” Marsh, Frank “Hank” Marsh III, and in honor of Teresa “Terry” Marsh Shamblin, and Margaret “Mollie” Heins.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY is an engaging setting of the well-known hymn tune *Holy Manna*. The composer imaginatively combines several interesting ringing techniques, including singing bell, malleted notes, martellato (ringing the bell into the padded table), and LV ("laissez vibrer" or "let vibrate", similar in sound to using the damper pedal on the piano), as well as presenting the melody in canon and in octaves.

KID'S CORNER

Nursery- Our nursery is available for children 0-5 years old during the 9:00 service, and children 0-3 years old during the 11:00 service.

Children's Fellowship (10:00)- All children 4th grade and younger meet downstairs for an opportunity to spend time together completing crafts, service projects, and seasonal activities.

Sunday School (11:15):- Kids 4 years old - 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School after the children's sermon. We'll divide into two age groups and work our way through the "Holy Moly" curriculum.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday school classes are at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Bible Study - will resume December 2.

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.

SHOW AND WAMS: This Sunday, the youth will be heading downtown for bowling at Maple Hall!! Maple Hall is the cool, underground bowling alley that is near Mast General Store on Gay St. They serve food there- every lane has their own waiter! So we'll leave church at 5 and go directly there. Bring \$10 for bowling and shoes, the church will buy the food for our hungry bowlers!! Can anyone beat Barbara- she bowls like she pitches... ALL STRIKES!!! Parents, we could use some drivers for this event (drivers eat and bowl for free!!) Please let Barbara know if you can help. See you Sunday!!

THANKFUL-FOR-YOU CARDS: Our WPC Connect team is hosting a card-making party in the Schilling Gallery TODAY!! Everyone is invited to make and/or take "We're Thankful For You" Cards. There will be tables set up with card making supplies. If you are inspired to make a card please do. If you know someone who would get a lift from knowing they are remembered and loved, please take one of the cards and send it to them. We hope you will join the fun!!

DEDICATION SUNDAY is today! 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. Today we return these items and celebrate the community and culture that is Westminster Church.

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

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS will be available next Sunday for all of those who would like one. We will have them available in the Narthex.

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.

THE ANGEL TREE: This year we are blessed to have our own Angel Tree in the Schilling Gallery! It will be at Westminster on Sunday, November 25th. Please take a wish or wishes and return your gifts by Sunday, December 9th. Thank you so much for helping the children!

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, December 9

11:00 AM - ONE SERVICE

6:00 PM - Youth Christmas Play

Monday, December 10

5:00 PM - Adult Angel Tree Distribution Project

Wednesday, December 12

5:30 PM - Advent Craft Night and Dinner

7:00 PM - Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert

Sunday, December 16

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship

10:00 AM - Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, December 23

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship

12:15 PM - Christmas Caroling Pot-Luck and Sing-a-Long

ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by:

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

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VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

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.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: On Sunday, December 2nd, our annual Alternative Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Schilling Gallery between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. As many of you know, the Bazaar provides our members with an opportunity to purchase thoughtful Christmas gifts, with the proceeds going toward the support of several worthwhile causes. Several groups are expected to be there with their items to sell. The Mission Service Team hopes that you will participate in this very worthwhile event.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, and reopen at 9:00 AM, November 26.

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

Andrew Gordon

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