



The Order of Worship

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

August 4, 2019
10:00 A.M.

EIGHTH 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 Wondrous Love (Five Variations for Organ) Daniel Pinkham
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; for God’s steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so...

People: Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so...

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 473 (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always seek your ways, and our loving and giving is meager compared to yours. Your love is unconditional, your gifts abundant, yet we have failed to model our lifestyle accordingly. Forgive us for the times when we have let our anger direct our actions. Forgive us for the ways in which we have allowed greed to influence our choices and priorities. Lift up our minds and heart to you, so that we might bathe in your grace and be cleansed in your mercy, in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Hosea 11:1-11; Ecclesiastes
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Bryan Powell

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. Children are welcome in worship here or a nursery is available.

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

SERMON “The Meaning of Life” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 414 (blue hymnal) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought
Forest Green

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

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor’s needs as our own, to care passionately for the other’s good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor’s survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

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 Wondrous Love Southern folk hymn
arr. Marie Pooler

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I’ll sing on.

American folk hymn, c. 1811

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Seele, mach dich heilig auf Otto Abel
Adorn Thyself in Holiness, O My Soul

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BuxWV 198 Dieterich Buxtehude
Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer, Who Overcame Death

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord Tallis’ Canon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Threefold Amen for Two Voices

Peter Van Eenam

*POSTLUDE Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Ludwig Krebs
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Colleen Manrod and Andrew Gordon

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

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

GREETERS: Bob and Lana Daverman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Women of the Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Larry Tragesser

USHERS: Bill Rudd, Scott Rutherford, Penny Tschantz, Gary Rowcliffe, Brenda Seip

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: The Hahn Family

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Hope Gosselin in honor of Zach and Sarah Beth Gosselin's 3rd wedding anniversary and the upcoming arrival of their first child.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Boone Joseph Preston born to Hilary and Josh on July 19, 2019. Congratulations also go to grandmother Jan Barber and Aunt Jessie Lynn Allen.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE, written by Boston-based composer and organist Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006), was published in 1993 in celebration of his 70th birthday. Each of the five variations sets the well-known melody (also heard in today's anthem) with a different compositional technique and organ registration. We first hear the melody in the soprano, accompanied mostly by parallel sixths, while the second variation has the tune in the bass. The third variation is essentially a canon between hands. In the following variation, the melody moves at half speed (augmentation) in the left hand while the right hand plays it with the same note values heard in the previous three movements—quite ingenious! Marked to be played majestically, the final variation sets the melody in a colorful and frequently dissonant chordal texture that resolves to a glorious and fitting close.

HELP US WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Our New Member Reception in the Schilling Gallery is today following the worship service. At the reception, you'll also have an opportunity to meet and greet new members and to pick up new pages with members' pictures and contact information that you can add to your church directory. If you can't make the reception, you can find the newest directory pages on the small table under the bulletin board in the gallery or upon request in the church office. A growing church is such a blessing! We look forward to seeing you today as we extend special hospitality to our newest members.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER is in need of razors, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. You may bring these items and place in our collection area at the bottom of the stairs leading into the children's wing.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, August 8th. 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 the church, as well as non-food items for each family. Please note the time for teams to pick up your delivery address sheets is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley, 865-679-9618, if you are able to make deliveries by Monday, August 5th. Thanks for your help!

SHARE THE BOUNTY: If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund.

WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES: Our annual trip to a Smokies Baseball game is August 10. There will be a fireworks display immediately following the baseball game. Tickets are \$9 and can be purchased through the church office by sending in a payment marked for this fun Fellowship event! The final number of tickets will be purchased Monday so don't delay! So far we have 31 people going! Enjoy a University of Tennessee themed night at Smokies Stadium! They will have UT themed food and drinks, music, graphics, on-field games, special appearances from UT mascots and spirit squads, and specialty jerseys worn by the players that will be auctioned off benefiting the Pat Summitt Foundation ! Rocky Top will be sung all night long! The first 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a free Phillip Fulmer Bobblehead! Join us!!!

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY: Using the online church directory on our website is a great tool to keep connected with others in the congregation. Please feel free to send the church office an updated photo at any time (renee_wpc@comcast.net). We suggest it be a 4 x 6 jpg that you email us and preferably in landscape orientation (however - portrait orientation works ok as well). Thank you!



THE RUTHIE CAREY MEMORIAL PAVILION

Please join us to celebrate the completion of the pavilion on Sunday, August 11 at 11:30 AM!

We will have a dedication and hors d'oeuvres to mark the occasion. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery if you are able to bring a plate of finger foods (small sandwiches, veggies, fruit, cookies, brownies, etc. to share).

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

THE ANNUAL PASTA AND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL: This awesome event, benefitting *Family Promise of Knoxville*, will be held at Sacred Heart School on Saturday August 24, 2019 from 6 - 8 pm. Tickets are available in the Schilling Gallery today and August 18. Adults tickets are \$10.00 and children ages 5 to 12 years old are \$5.00. Come join us! It is a fun family festival with 15 competitive pasta tastings, including gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan offerings! There will be live bluegrass music from The Foothills Quartet and Rescue, a kids carnival with blow-ups, face painting, cotton candy, homemade dessert silent auction and Italian Market where craft wares are available. All proceeds benefit *Family Promise of Knoxville*. Many thanks to Gail Clark for organizing this awesome ministry!

ONLINE GIVING: Westminster has moved into the 21st Century! We now have the option to give online! It is easy and allows you to setup onetime or automatic recurring contributions. You can even view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Visit the church's website at www.wpcknox.org and locate the blue GIVE ONLINE box at the bottom of the homepage. Click on the GIVE NOW button and then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and start making your electronic contributions today. It takes just a few minutes. Your online contributions can be made with your bank account, credit card or debit card. Placing your contributions in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, as well as mailing your contributions into the church office, are also great ways to support the life and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

THE SESSION

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

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