



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 15, 2019

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH 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 Trio No. 1 (from *Ten Trios for the Organ*, Op. 49) Josef Rheinberger

Präludium in B-flat, RhWV deest No. 8

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

(9:00) Early Will I Seek Thee Thomas Weelkes

Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4

(11:00) O Praise the Lord Adrian Batten

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 117

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1,2,5

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.

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 confess before you the many ways that our lives do not show forth the love you have shown forth in the life and ministry of Jesus. Heal the brokenness that separates us one from another and from our own best selves. Rescue us from the fears that immobilize us from doing good. Turn us from quarrels that hurt and destroy. Grant us new depths of compassion and caring for all your Creation, that we might be instruments of your transforming love. 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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

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

SCRIPTURE READING

I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Jesus just left Chicago ... and he’s bound for New Orleans” ZZ Top

***HYMN NO. 356** (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *Nettleton*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Confirmation Class 2016

God has created us and is the light, warmth and compassion that this world needs. God guides us in our journey through life, love and faith, and allows us to flourish. Jesus teaches us that God does not judge, or hate, or strike fear in people. I believe the Holy Spirit is always present, even when we question our faith, and we are called to be a caring and considerate church.

Christianity is a way of acting and living. It is seeing the brightness at the end of the tunnel, even when surrounded by darkness. It is being positive even when the tunnel seems to go on forever. It is finding joy in the little things that we pass by every day. It is appreciation, appreciation for these little things as well as appreciation for the amazing things such as your friends, family, and life. It is not judging people by the harsh scars on the outside seen by the eyes, but by the burdens and actions felt by the heart. It is hope. Hope that never gives up on you or anyone else. But the most important of all, Christianity is love.

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. 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) O Praise the Lord

Adrian Batten

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants

Martin How

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may shew forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

from *The Choristers’ Prayer*

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Point d’Orgue sur les Grands Jeux

Nicolas de Grigny

(from *Livre d’Orgue*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Katie Rogers and Robert Albiston
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Cindy Spangler
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 Ella Chattin
GREETERS (11:00): Linda Judge-McRae and Marty Pryor
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir
(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:
(9:00) Jeff Bendy and Scott Brunger
(11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer, Mark Potocik, Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in given by Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald in loving memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay, Lisa Ellis, John Harrison, and John Hankins for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE is by French organist and composer Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703), Organist at Rheims Cathedral from 1697 until his untimely death just a few years later. The supreme compliment was paid him by both J. S. Bach and Johann Gottfried Walther as each made a copy of his entire *Livre d’Orgue*, which concludes with the piece heard today. Though our organ and its reeds are inspired by North German and Dutch instruments, one is still able to hear the intense color of the registration called for by the composer. The title refers to the use of very long pedal notes above which the music for the hands seems to ride.

ADDRESS UPDATE: It’s time to update our college-aged members’ addresses. If you could email melissa_wpc@comcast.net with these updates. This will help us to keep in touch with our young adults throughout the year.

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES is scheduled for September 28, 2019. We will meet at Metcalf Bottoms in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at 9:00 am for the 8th annual Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast (12th Westminster Breakfast in the Mountains). There are sign-up sheets in the Schilling Gallery.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER is in need of adult clothing, shoes and toiletries. You may bring these items and place in our collection area at the bottom of the stairs leading into the children’s wing.

RACE FOR THE CURE: Komen Race for the Cure 2019 is October 19 and you can join our team, *Tribe Alive - Westminster* You can register through www.komeneasttennessee.org. Contact Anne Crais for more information.

FIFTH SUNDAY MINISTRY: The Missions Committee is collecting shampoo and toothpaste for our FISH recipients, also several of these clients need pet food for their cats and dogs. Pet food can be an overlooked need for low income people that FISH serves. Pets can truly be family members, who enhance the well being of their owners. They offer unconditional love and affection, reduce stress, depression and loneliness, and increase social interaction and exercise. Please deposit items in the bin in the Schilling Gallery.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery (8:45-12:15): available for children 0-4 years old.

Children’s Fellowship Time (10:00-10:45): for kids of all ages through 4th grade, great to get to know each other better while participating in fun and meaningful activities, games, crafts and service projects.

Time with Children (11:10): Children age 4-4th grade are encouraged to stay with families for the beginning of 11:00 am worship, they are then invited up-front for a brief children’s sermon and prayer, then ushered downstairs for Sunday School.

Sunday School (11:15-12:00): Children will be split by age, pre-school thru kindergarten and 1st-4th grade.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please send any updated family photos or new photos to the church office so that we may update the online church directory. Many of you have been using this resource and we want to keep it up-to-date! You can email photos to melissa_wpc@comcast.net.

LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet September 17 at 10:30 am in the library.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet September 19 at 1:30 in the SHOW room.

YOUTH EVENT AFTER CHURCH! All youth (6th-12th grade) and their families are invited to join us for lunch (we’re providing!) and "What We Did Last Summer" slide show and stories right after the 11:00 service today. We will be showing photos and telling tales of our 3!! summer experiences: Montreat Youth Conference, WOW (Win Our World) Urban Ministry, and the New Mexico Pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch!! This will be a chance for you to hear more stories about our amazing summer (now that your youth has gotten some rest!) I’m sure Lookout Mountain, giant zucchini, and rattlesnakes will be part of the story telling! Hope to see all our youth and their families!!

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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant
Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class is studying the book of Esther.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room.

Faith and Life - The Welcome to Westminster class will be offered in the Fellowship Hall during the education hour on September 15, 22, and 29. If you are a new member or have been visiting and would like to learn more about who we are, this is a great class for you!

Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

THE SESSION

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Scott Brunger	Brian Bonnyman	Bob Albiston
James Everett	Anne Crais	Janet Drumm
Andrew Gordon	Amy Gilbert	Colleen Manrod
Susan McKeehan	Buz Johnson	Charlie Mercer
Shawn Owens	Rachel Powell	Leslie Versen
Youth Elder: Katie Rogers		
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap		

TRUSTEES

Reed Ellis	Jeff Browning	Cile Mathews
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