



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship **November 17, 2019**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY THIRD 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) Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 J. S. Bach
Dearest Lord Jesus, We Are Here

(11:00) Litany of Joy Philip M. Young
Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*
harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of grace and goodness, each day our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world; we are convinced there is nothing good we can do. Forgive us if despair displaces discipleship; forgive us if we let our differences blind us to our essential unity; forgive us for neglecting our planet, the welfare of all your people, and our own spiritual health; and for failing to see the life-giving connection between all three. May your spirit lead us to a place of wholeness. 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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Isaiah 65: 17-25
Deborah Phillips
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:5-19, 28

SERMON “Lord we need a new redemption song Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
Lord, we’ve tried, it just seems to come out wrong
Won’t you help us please; help us just to sing along
A new redemption song, a new redemption song.”
New Redemption Song, Ohio-based folk music band, Over the Rhine

***HYMN NO. 293** (blue hymnal) This Is My Father’s World *Terra beata*

***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. 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) Litany of Joy Philip M. Young

(11:00) We Are Not Alone Pepper Choplin

We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone, for God is with us.

Now, through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God

is with us. Our God is with us now.

Pepper Choplin

Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 428** (blue hymnal) (11:00) We Give Thee but Thine Own *Schumann*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***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** Fugue in d Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is today! It is the day in our church year that we make time, talent, and resource commitments to our church and its mission in our world. Pledge cards and time and talent forms will be received with Sunday's offering. The Finance Ministry Team uses our pledge commitments to formulate a working budget for 2020 in order for our ministry to continue its work in the world. Each pledge is important!

“The commitments we each make to give of our time, talent, and money on Dedication Sunday are really gifts given to ourselves and each other. These gifts will, as Buran expressed it, allow this sacred and holy space – where all are welcome and included – to equip people with the spiritual resources and tools to nurture and help others.”

Mary Jo Mann, Stewardship Ministry Team

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Gordons in loving memory of Mom, Mother-In-Law, and Nana, Betty Gordon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: James Everett and Katie Rogers
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOV 1-30: 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.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: (11:00) Mark and Pam Potocik

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Elena Bell and Lucy Gilbert

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Lee Ingram

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Lucinda and Bob Albiston

(11:00) Robert and Susan McKeehan, LoAnn Price, Janice and Rick Rawe

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS exudes energy and joy. Aside from various techniques of articulation, including thumb damping, pizzicato, and regular ringing (often simultaneously), the composer uses mixed meter (changing time signatures or measures of varied length) through much of the work, adding to its vitality.

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: Lynda Best's bold, acrylic paintings are on display in the Schilling Gallery for the months of November/December. With a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Art Education from George Peabody College in Nashville and a MA Degree in Education From Austin Peay, Lynda has been teaching painting in one form or another for over 36 years. She paints in a modern, impressionistic style and is inspired by "Nature's transforming powers directly witnessed in the growth cycle of the flowers and the seasonal changes in water levels in our streams and rivers."

BIBLE, LUNCH, TUESDAY (BLT) will conclude this Tuesday, November 19. Join us for lunch and class at 12:00.

JUSTICE KNOX is ready to add another issue to research for action at the Annual Assembly. Come join us to select the new area for study. Monday, Nov 18th at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2137 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, 7 to 8:30 pm. Car-pools will leave the Westminster Parking lot promptly at 6:30 pm.

Please contact: Judy Barnette, Jean Bonnyman or Jackie Vanden Dorpel let us know you want to carpool. We won't leave without you!

WPC YOUNG FAMILIES FRIENDSGIVING: All young families are invited to join us for our first annual "Friendsgiving" Sunday, November 24th at 5:00 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. This is a potluck event so bring a side or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Allie

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER is currently in need of pillows, pillowcases, standard twin sheets, standard twin blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, and laundry detergent.

LADIES BOOK CLUB: Our last book for this year will be reviewed on November 19 by Cindy Spangler. THE OVERSTORY is a monumental novel about trees and people with insightful stories connecting the two. We meet in the Church library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30. For information contact Linda Rutherford.



Join us today for LUNCH and packaging from 12:00-2:30

One hundred fifty volunteers are needed.

All ages welcome, for any amount of time!

Come join the fun and help provide life-saving hunger relief.

BILTMORE ADVENTURE: Come join in the fun and fellowship by carpooling to Asheville, NC, to tour the house and gardens of the famous Biltmore Estate. You will find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The sign-up deadline is November 19th.



WWW will conclude this Wednesday, November 20 with Abraham Jam. Abraham Jam is from North Carolina and promises to be an evening of inspiring stories, songs, and laughter! The band will play after the 5:45 pm dinner.

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.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: On Sunday, November 24th, 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.

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.

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

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

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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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class is reading St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

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 - will be meeting in the downstairs

Fellowship Hall today only.

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

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 7

6:00 AM- Biltmore House Trip

Sunday, December 8

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship

6:00 PM - A Charlie Brown Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 PM - Christmas Craft Night and Dinner

7:00 PM - Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert

Sunday, December 15

9:00 and 11:00 AM - Worship

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