



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

August 29, 2021

10:00 A.M.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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. 12** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) St. Augustine (354-430)

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us a sense of community with heroes and saints of every age and so revive our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Thy honor and glory. 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 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27

SERMON “Going Through the Motions” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 754** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Help Us Accept Each Other Baronita

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 online 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 Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

from Lidley’s Prayers, 1566

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Tallis’ Canon (Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 796** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Come to You for Healing, Lord *Land of Rest*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Toccata No. 26 in G Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Jack Carley

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeenan

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 care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Members of the Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Wiesehuegel

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS: Rick and Janice Rawe, Scott Rutherford, Joyce and Tim Ryan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are dedicated to Glen and Jamie Gildemeister, parents of Katy Gawne, by Tim, Katy, Alice, and Louise Gawne in honor of Katy's birthday.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE exhibits the contrapuntal mastery of the North German organist and composer Dieterich Buxtehude. It begins in typical fashion with the traditional canzona thematic elements and rhythm followed by entrances of each of the two accompanying voices with the same material, similar to a canon. Interestingly, this opening theme is then inverted to be the basis of the second section. Even more amazing is that Buxtehude then skillfully combines both the original and inverted forms of the theme in the third and final section!

SHARE THE BOUNTY: You may have noticed that our *Share the Bounty* table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. 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. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. 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*. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it's amazing what good things can come from a small space.

the Environmental Ministry Team

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet rain or shine at 8:00am Thursday, September 9 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. FOOD: Prepackaged sausage biscuits are available (RSVP to Tim Crais by 9/8 at noon if you would like one!) or you can bring your own breakfast. Bring your drink of choice. SAFETY: Masks are required, chairs will be spaced out, hand sanitizer will be available, and gloves will be worn when handling food. TOPIC: Larry Ridley will lead a discussion on "The Gig Economy" and has an article for you to read before the meeting. Email if you would like a copy of the article.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY: You can submit a new photo any time throughout the year. 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 renee_wpc@comcast.net.

SHOW BIBLE STUDY is Tuesdays at 6:30 in the SHOW room! Dinner is provided.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Ephesians each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES: Heavy rain caused catastrophic flooding in Middle Tennessee and Western North Carolina. PDA is responding to these disasters (DR000191) and is processing an initial assistance grant to meet emergency needs. We will continue support through the long-term recovery phase.

PDA is also responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. We remain committed to the long-term recovery.

If you would like to contribute to either relief effort please note on your check, Haiti or DR000191 for flooding.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By Mary Boyd

Our Bible study for 2021-2022 is entitled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*.

The morning group will start on Thursday, September 2 at **10:30 a.m. (Note this is a change for this one date.)** in the Fellowship Hall. The study guides are here. You can pick up yours in the church office or get one at the first meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ✓ You don't want to miss September 12. We will join together for outdoor fellowship on the church grounds with our *Rally, Reconnect, Refresh* event. Food Trucks and fun, dress comfortably and prepare for a splashing good time.
- ✓ Our annual Breakfast in the Smokies - sponsored by the Fellowship Team - will take place at the Metcalf picnic shelter on Saturday, October 2, beginning at 9 am. Details to follow.
- ✓ Oktoberfest - sponsored by our Connect Team - is scheduled for October 24 at 6:00 pm.

MAINTENANCE NEWS: The Ruthie Carey Pavilion will be having the floors sealed starting tomorrow, August 30-September 11. There will be no reservations taken during these dates.

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YOUTH NEWS

from Barbara and Daniel

Here's what is happening the next couple of weeks:

Sunday, August 29 -- WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

After church (which ends at 11), we are going to Zoe's on Bearden Hill and planning our youth year. We'll even buy you lunch... Let's plan to meet there at 11:15ish. Bring your ideas for things to do this year, (inside and outside) and we'll try to make them happen!! Parents are welcome to come help. (In the past, a parents' table has come up with some very awesome ideas, too!) We will finish up by about 12:30.

Sunday, September 5 -- Labor Day Holiday (No Evening Youth)

Sunday, September 12 -- Official Youth-year start!!!

Morning--Sunday School begins (WAMS, SHOW- Bible Study, and Confirmation)

Evening--We're going to celebrate all those things we missed celebrating in the last 1.5 years!! Stay tuned for more details...

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Cile Mathews

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

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