

The Order of Worship

October 17, 2021 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

#### TWENTY-FIRST 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 share your contact information with us so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

## **PRELUDE**

(9:00) Prélude (from Suite on the Third Tone, Book II)	Jacques Boyvin
(11:00) Sinfonia	Adriano Banchieri

**Brass Choir** 

## OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 104)

Natty Piel

Leader: Bless the LORD O my soul, how great You are! **People:** You are clothed with splendor and majesty.

Leader: The LORD course himself in light as with a gent

Leader: The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; **People:** He stretches out the heavens like a tent.

Leader: I will sing to the LORD all my life;

People: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live!

# TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 23 (*Glory to God* hymnal) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Pleading Savior

# \*CALL TO CONFESSION

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, through Jesus, you taught us that the last shall be first and the first shall be last, but we often struggle with creating space so that others

might thrive. We are haphazard with your creation, choosing convenience over conservation, and recklessly assume there will always be enough to go around. We imagine the poor as "happy with their small portion" and put off acts of justice that restore opportunities for the vulnerable. We are often content for those on the margins to be "first" in the afterlife but not in this life. And sometimes we fall prey to the world's priorities, which whisper that we must come in first and have the most.

We also personally worry that we are always in jeopardy of not being enough. Help us, O God, to follow the example of our servant savior, who models power in vulnerability and invites us to serve one another.

\*RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal)

Jacques Berthier

## TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1-11, 34-41

**BAPTISM** (9:00)

Greer Rorex Carey Ellen Anderson

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Children age 3 through  $4^{th}$  grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Mark 10:35-45

**SERMON** "Beyond Imagination"

Barbara Adamcik

\*HYMN NO. 727 (Glory to God hymnal) Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Daniel Lewis from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## **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**

(9:00) Sinfonia

Adriano Banchieri Pepper Choplin

(11:00) We Are Not Alone

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

\*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. 772 (Glory to God hymnal) (11:00) Live into Hope

Truro

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE

(9:00) Fugue (from Suite on the Third Tone, Book II) (11:00) Grave (from Sonata No. 2 for the Organ, Op. 65)

Jacques Boyvin Felix Mendelssohn

\*Indicates standing.

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# NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Bob Albiston CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Cindy Spangler LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

<u>PLEASE</u> 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: (11:00) Penny Tschantz and Linda VanBeke

LITURGISTS: Natty Piel and Daniel Lewis

# MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Buz Johnson

SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula

#### USHERS:

(9:00) Reed Ellis, Jack Carley

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Andrew Gordon, Charlie and Alice Mercer **FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are in honor of Rev. Jean Davidson by Anne Davidson.

COMPOSER, CONDUCTOR, AND HUMORIST PEPPER CHOPLIN is becoming known as one of this country's most creative writers. His music, including over 300 anthems and 20 cantatas, combines various styles and elements, including folk, Gospel, classical, and jazz. In this morning's anthem, he establishes a pulsing ostinato with the choir upon which a fluid, lyrical soprano line glides.

The Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble will be heard in concert at Westminster on Monday evening, November 8, at 7:30, in the sanctuary. Cosponsoring this special event is the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The group includes David Searle, who grew up in our congregation and contributed greatly to many of Westminster's choirs. We are privileged to have this outstanding ensemble perform here and to have the opportunity to hear early music played on period instruments. Please save the date and watch for more details. We look forward to your joining us!

YOUTH EVENT TODAY! We'll gather at WPC at 2:00pm and caravan together to Oakes Farm Corn Maze (8420 Corryton Rd). There is a huge variety of activities in addition to the Corn Maze at the farm, and the kids always have a great time! We plan to return to WPC by 6:00pm. Also, if you're a parent willing to help drive, please tell Barbara or Daniel! Your help is greatly needed and much appreciated! Your admission to the corn maze will be covered by WPC. Youth should bring \$10, plus extra money for snacks (fried foods, ice cream, kettle corn- a snacker's dream). We look forward to seeing you all!

# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

# 10:00 am

#### Wired Word

Meets in the library, discussion around current event topics with an eye and ear toward scripture

# Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets in the pavilion.

#### **Bible Study**

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Hebrews 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.

<u>CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS:</u> There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- 9:00 Worship: Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- 11:00 Worship: Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery.

  Children 3.5-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Westminster's Fall Festival will be held on November 7 from 4-7pm. Details to be announced next week.

<u>WPCKnox YOUTUBE!</u> You can find all of our worship services on YouTube via our website at www.wpcknox.org and clicking on the "WPC on YouTube" or you can search WPCKnox on YouTube and find us to subscribe. If you subscribe, you will receive notifications of new videos when you log into YouTube. Bonus, the bulletin is available on our website by Friday afternoon so that you can print and follow along with ease.

## **OCTOBERFEST**

- Sunday, Oct. 24, 5-8 p.m.
- Beer served from 5-7
- Whittington Creek Pavilion
- Fun, food, and drink for WPC members and guests, ages 21 and older
- FINAL DAY TO RSVP!!! Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards

2022 WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES, which includes Greeters, Ushers, Shepherd's Team, and Time with Children, will be completed by November 1. If you would like to serve the church in one of these positions email Melissa\_wpc@comcast.net. If you need to make modifications to your current status, let her know of any changes by October 17. It's a great way to get to know more people in the congregation and to be involved in the life of our church.

**SPECIAL OFFERING:** The annual Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering will be collected in October. Half of it goes to the World Mission and Global Witness in the Presbyterian Church USA, one-quarter to our Presbytery Peacemaking Committee where it will be used to support the Matthew 25 Projects to build congregational vitality. to dismantle racism, and to eradicate structural poverty. Our congregation retains one-quarter for its mission projects.

# Today is the Day!!

Right after the 11 am Worship Service Justice Knox Network Members, Supporters and those interested will meet (masked) in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. We will share our concerns about justice issues in Knoxville and hear updates on the work of Justice Knox. Since we can't serve virtual snacks, we will be finished within the hour!

If you can't make today's Session, there will be another one tomorrow, Monday,
October 18th in the Pavilion at 3 pm.

When Justice Knox, let's answer!!

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<u>TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP</u>: will be on October 19 at 10:30 in the RCP. We will be discussing *Bird By Bird* by Anne Lamott. Cindy Spangler will lead the discussion on this book about writing and life. All women who are interested in reading and discussing books in an informal setting are welcome to join us. Contact Linda Rutherford at 865-690-3499 for questions.

MT LECONTE 2022: Now is the time to sign up for our LeConte trip on July 23, 2022. We need to collect all the hikers payments by October 29 and get it forwarded to LeConte by November 1st. If you'd like to join us, please send in your \$162 that covers each spot that you wish to purchase to the church office. I know it sounds pricey - but it is a lifetime experience to hike up that beautiful mountain that the Lord put there with some amazing people at your side. LeConte provides a comfy bed, a big dinner that night and a huge breakfast before you hike back down the mountain. The Lord provides a sunset, too many stars to count, a sunrise, and unbelievable fellowship. Join us??

#### THE SESSION

Class of 2024 Class of 2022 Class of 2023 **Bob Albiston** Jaclyn Beeler Josh Birdwell **Janet Drumm** Jack Carley Gloria Borum Colleen Manrod William Milam Melanie Lewis Charlie Mercer Penny Tschantz Lisa Oros Leslie Versen Bill Wiesehuegel Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

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