



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship August 7, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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 Benedictus Alec Rowley
- OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
- CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara Adamcik
  - Leader: The God of heaven has made a home on earth,
  - People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
  - Leader: The highest in all creation lives among the least,
  - People: Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
  - Leader: Come now all who thirst,
  - People: And drink the water of life.
  - Leader: Come now all who hunger,
  - People: And be filled with good things.
  - Leader: Come all who seek,
  - People: And be cooled by the springs of love.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

- \*HYMN NO. 321 (Glory to God hymnal) The Church’s One Foundation Aurelia
- \*CALL TO CONFESSION
- \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
  - Holy God, giver of life and forgiver of sin,
  - We come to you now with hope -
  - Hope that you will always love us,
  - Hope that you will not hold our sin against us,
  - Hope that you will turn us around from what is evil,
  - Toward what is good.
  - Walk with us on every road we travel, and help us
  - To look clearly at our lives and the world,
  - That we may embrace all with love
  - And trust that you take joy in giving us all we need.
  - Through Christ we pray. Amen.
- \*KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

- \*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 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
- A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathy Parsons
  - Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.
- SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:32-40
- SERMON “The Assurance of Things Hoped For” Rev. Anne McKee
- \*HYMN NO. 506 (Glory to God hymnal) Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table! Copeland
- \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From the Confession of 1967)
  - The new life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, fear. We still struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems.
  - Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in our life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days

and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.  
The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.  
Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. It is God’s good pleasure to give us the kingdom.

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 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 Old Hundredth  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
People: We lift them to the Lord.  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
(Prayer continues)... who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.  
(Prayer continues)... we would speak of that mystery we call faith:  
People: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take a morsel of bread cup of juice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING THE SACRAMENT

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Unison)

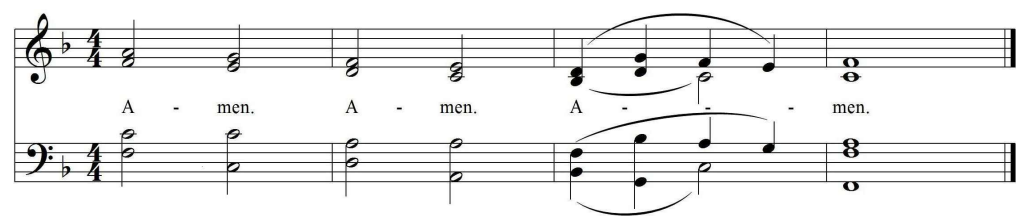
Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our debts, as  
we forgive our debtors; and lead  
us not into temptation, but  
deliver us from  
evil. For thine  
is the  
kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



**\*POSTLUDE** Postlude on a Pedal Theme

Allen James

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Barbara Froula and Ed Babelay

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST:** John Hankins

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Rob and Susan McKeegan

**LITURGIST:** Barbara Adamcik

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Alice Mercer

**USHERS:** Mike Kaufman, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Colleen Manrod, Ehren Manrod, Cile Mathews

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Melanie and Daniel Lewis in honor of the youth and children of Westminster as they start their new school year.

**OUR THANKS** to Theresa Pepin for leading the Summer Choir this morning and serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

**BENEDICTUS** by Alec Rowley was a favorite organ composition of the great Canadian pianist Glenn Gould. With a brilliant but troubled mind, Gould was known in his hometown for making the trek to his nearby church to play *Benedictus* over and over again on its pipe organ until his thoughts calmed and his spirit was restored. The composition is based upon the words of the poet Christina Rossetti in her *Processional of Creation* "I bring refreshment—I bring ease and calm."

Theresa Pepin

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS TODAY:**

- Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery.
- Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Children's Worship.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM:** Is anyone looking for a short-term mission challenge? We need a few good folks. We are in the planning stage of partnering with Lake Hills Pres to host a refugee family. It will be about a 6 month commitment starting sometime this fall. It could be for a Ukrainian family, but we won't know for sure. Tasks include: showing them how appliances work, reading in English to children, helping with transportation to appointments, answering questions about life in the USA, etc. There will be some training and we need 4-6 folks (or more). Teenagers are allowed to help. Please contact William Milam [wtmlam@ieee.org](mailto:wtmlam@ieee.org) with questions or willingness to serve.

**PRESBYTERIES IN KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA AND MISSOURI NEED SUPPORT:**

The devastating flooding in eastern Kentucky that took the lives of at least 37 people is part of a series of flooding events that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is offering support and prayers for. Resources are needed now but will be needed in the weeks, months and years to come. Making a donation will enable the denomination to be in a position to support the long-term recovery All donations for the PDA flooding should be coded: DR000191.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY:** Many thanks to all of you who are sending in a current photo of your household. We appreciate you! If you'd like to participate, you can email Renee Wiesehuegel your photo and she will make sure to update the directory. [renee\\_wpc@comcast.net](mailto:renee_wpc@comcast.net).

**CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY!** We hope you will take a few minutes to look at both the collections of pictures taken this summer of our youth's experiences together as well as the LeConte hike on July 23.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is in the Schilling Gallery. 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.

**WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT SMOKIES STADIUM:** We have 51 people attending Friday night's Smokie Baseball game! Many thanks to all of you who have made plans to attend. How fun!

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Rev. Gradye Parsons, Parish Associate

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator, CLP

Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**OUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE** will begin their work today at 11:15am in the McKinnon Room. Many thanks to these team members for giving of their time, talents, and dedication to call our next pastor! We appreciate you Jan Barber, Jacklyn Beeler, Tom Byerley, Kathleen Farnham, Ken Hughes, Bitsy Ingram, Daniel Lewis, Cile Mathews, and Michael Yates!

**SESSION AND PNC RETREAT:** On Sunday, August 14, immediately after worship, the Session, PNC, Rev. Gradye Parsons, and Rev. Anne McKee will be attending an all day retreat here at Westminster together. If you would like to help Renee organize a lunch for this amazing group, please call the church office on Monday!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is this Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>! Fellowship time and announcements are from 6:30-7:00pm - just prior to each team's meetings. Refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship Team. We have 11 ministry teams: Christian Formation, Congregational Care, Connection, Worship Music and the Arts, Fellowship, Finance, Human Resources, Stewardship, Property, Environmental Concerns, and Mission Services. Please contact Anne McKee or Barbara Adamcik if you are interested in serving in such a rewarding and meaningful way!

**LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** will meet on August 16 to review *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Hamel, discussed by Pat Herzog. For more information, please contact Linda Rutherford, 865-384-3435.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jacklyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**TRUSTEES**

Robert McKeegan

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