



**The Order of Worship**

**September 18, 2022  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FIFTEENTH 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** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren  
Johann Gottfried Walther

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Judge-McRae

One: God has set this day before us,  
**All: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.**  
 One: God has set our lives before us,  
**All: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.**  
 One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,  
**All: So that we might live fully in deep love.**  
 One: Let us worship God.

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 32** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**We confess that we find your medicine hard to swallow. The quick fixes of this world are so much more pleasant, leaving us free to go back to our usual routines. But your medicine is powerful. And if we take it, it will remake and renew our lives. It will reorient us to you and to you alone. Turn us toward your love for justice and true worship. Forgive our sins, for which you weep. Forgive our hesitation. Grant us courage to choose you as our physician, and to serve you and you alone. 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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

**\*CANTICLE NO. 565** (red hymnal) (11:00) Jubilate Deo Anglican chant

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Daniel Lewis  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Hayes McCall Fortney

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 16:1-13

**SERMON** "Forgive Us Our Debts?" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

**\*HYMN NO. 697** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Take My Life Hendon

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 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**

(9:00) I Will Arise arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace, Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

(11:00) Be Thou My Vision Traditional  
Slane  
arr. David Ashley White

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart; great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology trans. Eleanor H. Hull  
Lasst uns erfreuen

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 486** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Child of Blessing, Child of Promise Kingdom

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Alla Marcia

John Ireland

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Meghan Oros and Bill Wiesehuegel  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER:** Cindy Spangler

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Ada and Bob Pfohl

**LITURGIST:** Linda Judge-McRae

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Melissa Everett

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Tim Crais

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Casey Page

(11:00) Brenda Seip, Janet Drumm, Mike Kaufman, Darlen Milam, Judy Jorden

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel, beloved husband and wonderful step-dad from Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald.

**THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE** was written by the twentieth-century British composer John Ireland and it reflects the influences of C. V. Stanford and Sir Walter Parratt, with whom he studied composition and organ respectively at the Royal College of Music. Ireland later became a teacher at the College himself, where his pupils included Ernest John Moeran and Benjamin Britten.

**LISTENING SESSIONS:** Anne and Gradye will be hosting three listening sessions with the goal of paying deep attention to any concerns you have and answer any questions that they are able to. The first session is Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 pm. You can find more information in the Abbey article, “Hearing One Another in Love”.

**BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES** has been rescheduled for May 20, 2023 at Metcalf Bottoms. The GSMNP canceled our reservation at Greenbrier due to flood damage at the picnic area.

**BIG, SCARY QUESTIONS** with Anne McKee is starting September 20. You are invited to participate in a noon (bring your own lunch) discussion of a variety of PCUSA statements on various social questions. These statements try to use the best Biblical and theological insights to guide, not dictate, our understandings. The first Tuesday, we’ll look at why and how Presbyterians develop social witness policy, and for five Tuesday’s after that, we’ll look at specific statements, which the group will choose from a list of topics considered in the last few years. All are welcome, no matter your point of view or previous knowledge or lack thereof!

**HABITAT BUILD:** Please sign up to help the Westminster Habitat Build. We will be partnering with Coldwell Banker the first and last day. The other dates will be the Westminster team only.

Saturday, October 15th 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, December 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. including lunch

Use this link to sign up to build a home for the Komara family.

<http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

**THE BEARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** will gather Sunday, Sept 25, at the Whipples' home, 105 Heron Drive, from 4-6 PM. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Cindy Spangler, spangler@utk.edu.

**CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

**During 9:00 Worship:**

-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

**During 10:00 Hour:**

-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

-Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

**During 11:00 Hour:**

-Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

-Primary Sunday school for children 4 y.o.-Kindergarten

-Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade

(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 am

**Adult Bible Study:** Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth.

**Feasting on the Word:** This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Wired Word:** Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team. The library is in the education wing. Go through the breezeway and turn right after you enter the building. There is plenty of lively discussion!

**WESTMINSTER 101:** Are you interested in learning more about Westminster, whether as a visitor, new member, or long-time member? A four week class begins today, and continues 9/25, 10/2,10/9 during the Sunday School hour, in the Pavilion. Don't worry if you have to miss a week or two; just let Anne know you're interested, and we'll make it work!

**COMPANIONS** is a spiritual development experience for women who seek a community in which to explore spiritual practices, deepen understanding of the scriptures and share in the contemplative experience. It is an open group, meeting each Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. The group is beginning *LADDER to the LIGHT, An Indigenous elder’s meditations on hope and courage* by Steven Charleston.

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***OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE***

**Sunday, September 18**

9:00 am - Pavilion Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 - PNC Meeting

4:00 - Choirsters

5:00 - Youth Fellowship

**Monday, September 19**

7:00 pm- Congregational Zoom

**Tuesday, September 20**

10:30 am Ladies Book Club

12:00 Big Scary Questions

**Wednesday, September 21**

4:45 pm Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 22**

4:30 pm Brass Choir

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaclyn 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

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

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Stephen Fortney

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**TRUSTEES**

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