



The Order of Worship

**October 16, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

NINETEENTH 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) Allemande à deux Clavecins (from *Ordre IV in A*) François Couperin
John Brock and Peter Van Eenam, Harpsichords
(11:00) Adagio (from *Concerto in a*, BWV 593, after Antonio Vivaldi) J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Jacqui Whittemore

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered in God’s holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

All: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

All: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

All: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

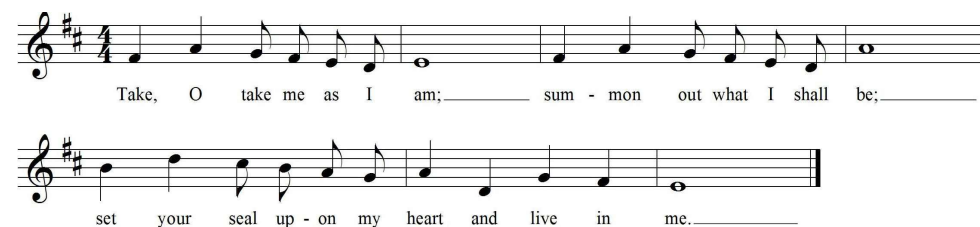
***HYMN NO. 65** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Cwm Rhondda

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***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 31:27-34

CANTICLE NO. 565 (red hymnal) (11:00) Jubilate Deo

Anglican chant

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for fellowship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

“A New Heart”

Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 654** (*Glory to God* hymnal) In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful

(Sing three times)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Because of the redeeming grace of Christ Jesus, I believe in God who is here for us.

I believe that hope is stronger than despair, truth will outlive deceit, kindness is more powerful than apathy, forgiveness is stronger than hatred, peace will swallow up suspicion and war, joy will triumph over misery, and love will transcend decay and death.

**I believe in the grace of Christ Jesus,
I believe in the presence of the Holy Spirit.
I believe in the faithfulness of 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) At the River adapt. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angels feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God. Yes we’ll gather by the river, the beautiful river, Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we’ll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. (Refrain)

Traditional

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

(11:00) Kyrie, K. 33

W. A. Mozart

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Popes Gelasius I and Gregory I

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

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. 301** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let Us Build a House

Two Oaks

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** Grave (from *Sonata No. 2 for the Organ*, Op. 65)

Felix Mendelssohn

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Gordons in memory of Dick Coop and Ken Jens; fathers and grandpas, avid golfers and teachers. You will be missed.

J. S. BACH was a master arranger and transcriber and, aside from borrowing from his own music, he also was very knowledgeable of other composers and their work. As a young person we know that Bach studied and admired Antonio Vivaldi’s works and compositional process, in particular the latter’s ability to develop a piece from figures and motives. Vivaldi scored his Concerto in a for strings and continuo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Jack Carley
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Kathy Shilling

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LITURGIST: Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs (recorded)

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Lee Ingram

USHERS: (9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Gary Rowcliffe, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Brenda Seip, Linda VanBeke

MORE OF A NEW MUSICAL OFFERING!

Westminster Church is hosting the 2022-23 season of The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which endeavors to bring Knoxville's exceptional musicians to chamber music

lovers throughout our community and region. The next concert in this series is **this Saturday evening, October 22, at 7:00**, in the sanctuary. Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicsociety.com> for the artists (and bios) and repertoire on each program.

JUSTICE KNOX HOUSE MEETING: Today at 12:15pm in the McKinnon Room will be a meeting of the Justice Knox team led by Jackie Vanden Dorpel. The meeting will last for about an hour and refreshments will be served. We will look at the upcoming year for Justice Knox and share ideas about issues that need to be addressed. If you have not been called but would like to attend, please join us for what should be a very productive meeting. See you then.

THE BIG SCARY QUESTIONS GROUP will talk about the PCUSA statements about environmental issues this Tuesday, October 18 at noon. If you are not already on the list and want to read materials ahead of time, let Anne or the office know and we will send you the documents.

HABITAT BUILD: You may sign-up using the QR Code in the narthex, or the link below. The remaining Westminster team dates are:

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/>



OCTOBERFEST SIGN-UPS This year's Oktoberfest will be held at WPC on Sunday, Oct. 23 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. Adults over 21 are invited to join us for traditional fare, carefully selected craft beers, a trivia contest, and music by WPC's own Oompa Band. Sign up at the registration table in the Schilling Gallery after 11:00

worship or by calling the church office. Payment of \$15 is due in advance by noon TODAY and can be paid through online giving, check, or cash at time of registration.

LISTENING SESSION: You are invited to attend the last Listening Session on Zoom at 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 19 . <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85767102119> Meeting ID: 857 6710 2119 Gradye and Anne will be there with the goal of paying deep attention to any concerns you have related to the transition of our church leadership and answer any questions that they are able to. If you have been unable to attend these sessions or prefer to talk individually, please reach out to either Anne or Gradye to set up an appointment.

FALL WORKDAY AT WESTMINSTER: Join us for some part of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, October 22, anytime from 8 AM to 12 N . Numerous and diverse jobs for all. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership Please help us get our WPC grounds and our facilities ready for winter

ORGANISTS DANA ROBINSON AND PAUL TEGELS will be heard in a program of organ duet music (for four hands!) at Westminster Church on Friday evening, November 4, at 8:00, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* recital series. Dr. Robinson is Professor of Organ at the University of Illinois and Dr. Tegels is Associate Professor of Music and University Organist at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, and a past president of the Westfield Center for Historical Keyboard Studies. Cosponsoring this event is the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. For more information, please visit <http://www.musicaorgani.org>.

PETER VAN EENAM RECEPTION: Westminster has been blessed to have Peter Van Eenam as our organist and choirmaster for 41 years. In celebration of those years of music ministry, Peter will be honored on November 6th during the services and at a reception following the 11:00 a.m. service. Let's join together to show our love, appreciation and gratitude for 41 years of incredible sacred music by many different vocal and instrumental choirs.

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT: Pledge Sunday will be Sunday, November 13 and all ages will be involved, including children and youth.

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.



WPC FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 30 at 12:15pm

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Lunch catered by Buddy's BBQ as well as some hotdogs

Kids are invited to wear their costumes to church!

Trick or Treating will take place after lunch ☺

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

LECONTE 2023 RESERVATIONS! We have 33 of our 36 spots reserved for July 22, 2023! Double check with office before submitting payment for a slot to make sure they are still available. Payments to the church office are due no later than October 25th, so the funds can be sent to LeConte. The cost of the hike is \$176 per hiker..

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 16

9:00 am - Pavilion Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 - Justice Knox in the McKinnon Room

12:15 - PNC Meeting in Library

Monday, October 17

4:30pm - Young Musicians' Class

5:30pm - Rainbow Choir (or choose Tuesday)

6 pm - HRMT Meeting

7:00 pm- Congregational Zoom

Tuesday, October 18

10:30 am - Ladies Bookclub

12:00 Big Scary Questions

5:00pm - Rainbow Choir

6:00 pm - Christian Formation Meeting

6:45 pm - Wine and the Word - RCP

Wednesday, October 19

4:45 PM - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 20

4:30 pm - Brass Choir

7:00 pm - Handbell Choir

Saturday, October 22

8:00 to noon - Fall Work Day

7:00 pm - Chamber Music in Sanctuary