



**The Order of Worship**

**June 18, 2023  
10:00 A.M.**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF 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** Chorale and Variation J. S. Bach  
**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 100) Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**All: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**  
 One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are his;  
**All: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**  
 One: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.  
**All: Give thanks to God, bless his name.**  
 One: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,  
**All: And God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 39** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
 God of life and hope, hear our prayer: We confess the hasty words, unkind thoughts, and acts of frustration by which we have hurt others and ourselves this week. We also confess the things we have not done: words of kindness or challenge left unsaid, acts of justice or generosity thought about but never acted upon. We confess that your good creation and your beautiful human family are broken by sin and wrecked by evil. Lord, forgive us. Forgive the things we know and the things we haven't noticed. Lift from us the guilt we carry. Set us free to serve you with joy and passion.

**\*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** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Mary Boyd  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.*  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 5:1-5  
**SERMON** "From Suffering to Hope" Rev. Dr. Jefferson K. Aiken, Jr.  
**\*HYMN NO. 772** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Live into Hope *Truro*  
**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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.*  
**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.**

**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** Amazing Grace *Amazing Grace*  
arr. William D. Hall and Peter Van Eenam  
 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
  
 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Verses 1 and 2, John Newton, 1779  
 Verse 3, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

**\*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**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 688** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart *Morecambre*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Johann Pachelbel

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Gloria Borum and Stephen Fortney  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JUNE:** John Hankins  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

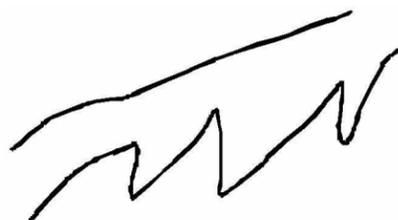
**GREETERS:** Brenda Seip and Cindy Spangler  
**LITURGIST:** Rev. Dr. Anne McKee  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir  
**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Stephen Fortney  
**SENIOR USHER:** Ken Hughes and Casey Page  
**USHERS:** David Owens, Shawn Owens, Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan, Jay Schmid

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Pam and Mark Potocik in loving memory of our fathers, Charles H. "Gus" Davis and Paul M. Potocik, and in honor or all our Westminster fathers, grandfathers, uncles and friends-like-fathers. You are all a blessing!

**OUR THANKS** to John Brock for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he serves as organist and leads the Chancel Choir while Peter Van Eenam is on vacation.

**DAVID N. JOHNSON (1922-1987)**, American organist, composer, and educator, studied organ and composition at the Curtis Institute of Music, Trinity University, and Syracuse University. From 1960–1967, he was college organist and organ instructor at St. Olaf College before returning to Syracuse University, where he succeeded Arthur Poister as professor of music and university organist. In 1969, he joined the faculty at Arizona State University, where in 1981, he would be succeeded by Robert Clark, Peter Van Eenam’s organ professor and Westminster’s organ project consultant.

**WE WELCOME REV. DR. JEFFERSON K. AIKEN JR.**, to our pulpit this morning. Jeff, senior pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, PA, has degrees from LSU, Columbia and McCormick seminaries. He has served the denomination at the presbytery, synod and national levels. He is a former chair of the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA, and for 20 years he was extensively involved in healthcare, chairing the board of a major health network in Pennsylvania. Jeff and his wife Libby reside in Asheville, NC. Their son, Stephen, wife Jennifer and family live in Knoxville and worship here at Westminster. They also have another son, Cameron, in Hillsborough, NC.



**FRIENDS OF FISH:** The remaining scheduled day to bag all the groceries is: June 26, at 5:30 pm. Address: Church of the Savior (934 N Weisgarber Road).

**JUNETEENTH/MLK PARADE** - On Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> Westminster will be representing the Presbytery of East Tennessee and showing our support for racial justice by marching in the Juneteenth Parade. Meet at the First Presbyterian Church (downtown) parking lot by 8:30am to shuttle over to Chilhowee Park and line up for the start of the parade. Step-off for the parade is 10 am and usually wraps by 11:30, continue the celebration with lunch together downtown! *Everyone* off all ages is welcome! Please call Barbara if you have any questions: 865-207-2574.

**SUMMER CHOIR** will next week. I invite you to come sit in with the choir and enjoy the music, fellowship, and camaraderie! Please contact the church office at your earliest convenience if you’d like to participate, so that a choir folder can be made up for you. If you prefer to sing a certain part, please let us know that as well. Come join us this summer! I will be in touch with details.

Peter Van Eenam

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily but we have entered the quiet time between the harvest of spring greens and those luscious ripe tomatoes becoming available. So for a few weeks the Bounty Table will not have vegetables from the church garden. However, the table will still be out in the Schilling Gallery for you to bring in any vegetables, flowers, or plants from your home gardens that you would like to share with others. 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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:00 am

**Adult Bible Study:** Currently studying the Gospel of John (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

**The Wired Word:** Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

Children 4-4th grade are invited to participate in worship until the Time With Children, then go downstairs for children’s church.

Nursery available for children 0-3 years old.

**THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** will meet in the Library on June 20 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join! Please contact Linda Rutherford for further information: scottlndatn@gmail.com or 865-384-3435.

**ORDINATION OF OFFICERS:** The June 25<sup>th</sup> worship service will be a big day in the life of the church at Westminster. We will ordain a new elder, and install the incoming Class of 2026 Session members and Trustee. Please welcome them aboard and offer your support.

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**ABBEY DEADLINE** is this afternoon at 5pm. Please email your article to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, June 18**

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

**Monday, June 19**

11:00am - Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, June 20**

10:30am - Ladies Book Club (Library)

4:15pm - HR (Library)

5:30pm - Connections (Schilling Gallery)

**Wednesday, June 21**

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

**Thursday, June 22**

4:30pm - 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

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

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