



The Order of Worship

**August 27, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

THIRTEENTH 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

(9:00) His Eye Is on the Sparrow arr. Melody Bober
(11:00) Adagio (from *Sonata No. 1 for the Organ*, Op. 65) Felix Mendelssohn

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Boyd

One: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
Many: I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.
 One: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased the strength of my soul.
Many: For though the LORD is high, God regards the lowly;
 One: but the haughty God perceives from far away.
Many: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me;
 One: You stretch out your hand,
Many: And your right hand delivers me.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 744** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Arise, Your Light Is Come! Festal Song
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**
God of frail belief,
When we take account of the tragedies of the world, it is difficult to believe there is a powerful and loving God with us. There is so much we wish you would intervene in to bring justice and healing now. We trust that you are a God who is patient with these doubts. A God who is not threatened by our unbelief but draws near to us in it. Help us toward an understanding of you that includes tension and mystery. And let our doubts lead us into deeper intimacy with the divine, as we tell the truth of the questions that plague us. 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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:13-20
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Cameron Sears
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 1:8-2:10
SERMON "Fear and Forgetting" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
***HYMN NO. 372** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O for a World Azmon
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between people and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

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
 (9:00) Shake These Bones (from *Hymnody of Earth*) Malcolm Dalglish
 I'll show you how I'm feeling, Lord, any day, I'll shake these bones and shout and sing my life away, I'll shake these bones and I will shout and sing my life away, It won't be long before these bones turn to clay.

I'll tell you what I'm thinking, Lord, anytime, I'll tell you lies, I'll tell you dreams, you won't mind, I'll tell you lies, I'll tell you dreams, I know that you won't mind, There's something there that's out of reach, I will find.

I'll tell you what I'm seeing, Lord, ev'rywhere, It may be only a small part of what is there, It may be only a small part of what is really there, But I'll stumble like the blindman, Lord, without fear.

I'll tell you what I'm hearing, Lord, all the time, I'm hearing songs and melodies in my mind, I'm hearing songs and melodies but when they're out of mind, I'll hear the sweetest peace of all left behind.

I'll show you how I'm feeling, Lord, any day, I'll shake these bones and shout and sing my life away, I'll shake these bones and I will shout and sing my life away, It won't be long before these bones turn to clay.

Malcolm Dalglish
 (11:00) Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show David Schelat
 Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia, gloria! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia, gloria! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria! All that see and share God's love, Alleluia, gloria!

Earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, Alleluia, gloria! Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia, gloria! Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia, gloria!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria! Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia, gloria! All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria! All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia, gloria!

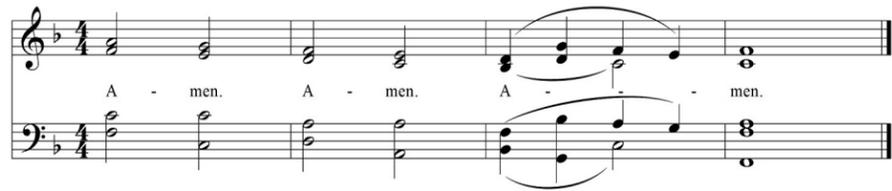
Henry Francis Lyte
 Robert Adamcik, Congas
***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Old Hundredth*
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 766** (*Glory to God* hymnal) The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound
McKee

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody



***POSTLUDE**
(9:00) Praeludium G. F. Handel
(11:00) Allegro maestoso e vivace Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Sonata No. 2 for the Organ, Op. 65*)

*Indicates standing.
** Prayer of Confession from Cole Arthur Riley, @blackliturgies, March 12, 2023)

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Wendy Collins and Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Sirah Smith and McKenzie Damron

GREETERS: (11:00) Anne Crais and Jan Gross

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jay Schmid

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS: (9:00) Ken Hughes and Casey Page

(11:00) Rick Rawe, David and Shawn Owens, Janet Drumm, Charlie Mercer

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in celebration of Richard Ward by his daughters, Elizabeth Birdwell and Kathryn Sands, on his 70th birthday.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist this morning at the 9:00 service. Our thanks also to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our 11:00 worship as he accompanies the Chancel Choir.

WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES Come and enjoy the baseball game with friends!! Smokies vs. Rocket City Trash Pandas, September 15. Tickets are \$14/person via the church office. Checks can be made out to 'WPC' with 'Smokies baseball' in the memo line.

HYMNODY OF EARTH is a collection of 19 hymns and songs, many of which are either composed or arranged by Malcolm Dalglish (1952-), an American hammered dulcimer virtuoso, and inspired by the poetry of the Kentucky writer Wendell Berry. Karen Dhyanchand, formerly a member of the Chancel Choir, shared *Shake These Bones* with me when we were both working with the Women's Chorale at the University of Tennessee, and I thank her to this day. My thanks to Ruth Ann Bendy, Lisa Ellis, Meredith Mackay, and Amy Dale Reddick for sharing it this morning at the 9:00 service.

Peter Van Eenam

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CHOIRS will begin regular weekly rehearsals this coming Wednesday afternoon, August 30, at 4:45. The groups are comprised of third through fifth graders. Please contact Peter Van Eenam for more details.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

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

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool thru 3rd grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

SHARE THE BOUNTY is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily. 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. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund.

CRAFTING THEOLOGY men's group will meet on Sunday, September 10 at 6pm at Schulz Brau brewery. Feel free to grab food beforehand or while there. Please contact Jeff Gilbert or Daniel Lewis with any questions.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, September 7, at 10:30am. We will be doing a book study on *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. The books are to be picked up at the first meeting where Mary Boyd will give some background on the author and introduction to her work. You do not need to read anything before then. The same class will also be offered on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:00am Sunday school hour beginning September 13.

LADIES BOOKCLUB will be meeting September 19 at 10:30am in the Library to discuss *The Sharper Your Knife, the Less You Cry: Love, Laughter and Tears at the World's Most Famous Cooking School* by Kathleen Flinn.

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ABBEY DEADLINE is this September 3 at 5pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OKTOBERFEST Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 5-8 pm at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion; Adults only. \$15 per person due in advance. Checks can be made out to 'WPC' with 'Oktoberfest' in the memo line. Capacity of 120 people.

WINE AND THE WORD: This group of mothers of young children at Westminster meets 1-2 times a month to discuss faith and family over snacks and wine. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30 at Sullivan's. Text Allie Brewington at (865)680-1079 if you are interested in joining!

YOUNG FAMILIES EVENT on September 10 immediately after the 11:00am worship. RSVP to Melissa Everett for this pizza and pool party for all the young families at Westminster. The Peninsula Club is about 2 miles from the church (2222 Houser Road). Pizza and drinks provided.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 27

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

10:30am - Confirmation Gathering (Parsons)

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15pm - Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 29

10:00am - Staff Meeting

12:00pm - Sage-ing Class

Wednesday, August 30

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

4:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30pm - Wine and the Word

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 31

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbells