



The Order of Worship

October 8, 2023
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, 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) Adagio (from *Divertimento*, K. 439b, No. 4) W. A. Mozart
(11:00) Pr  ambule (from *24 Pieces in Free Style*) Louis Vierne

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Philippians 2) Mary Boyd

One: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
All: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
 One: but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,
All: he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.
 One: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
All: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 One: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.
All: Come, let us worship the Lord.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

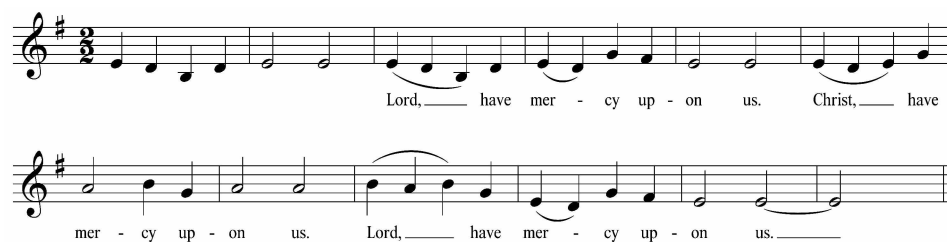
*HYMN NO. 667 (*Glory to God* hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies
Laudes Domini

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) **
 Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you.

Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal.

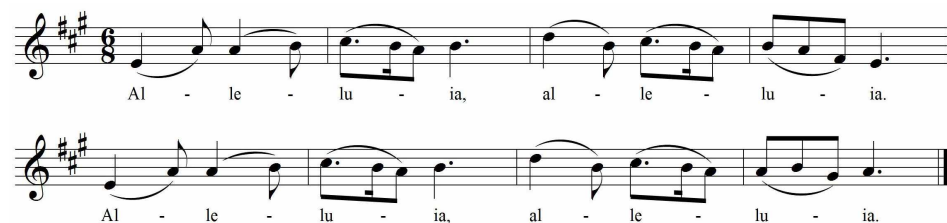
***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson



***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 Isaiah 5:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:4b-14

SERMON "Measure for Measure" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 821** (*Glory to God* hymnal) My Life Flows On

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *How Can I Keep from Singing* (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
 Fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,**

teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

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) Nature's Adoration Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens are telling the Lord's mighty glory, His name to bear afar they rejoice; The earth, the oceans His honor are sounding; Give ear, oh, Man, to Nature's voice. Who made the millions of stars in the heavens, Who leads the sun through sky and clouds? He enters laughing, his glory unfolding, A hero strong his course to run.

Christian F  rchtegott Gellert

Daniel Berry, Bass

(11:00) Be Thou Exalted John Goss

arr. Barbara Owen

Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength, And will we sing and praise thy pow'r.

Psalm 21:13

Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

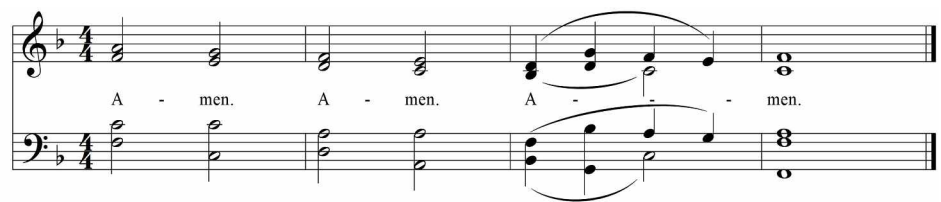
***HYMN NO. 353** (*Glory to God* hymnal) My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen**

Danish melody



***POSTLUDE**

- (9:00) Allegro C. P. E. Bach
- (11:00) Caprice sur les Grands Jeux Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
(from *Suite on the Second Tone*)

*Indicates standing.

** Prayer of Confession by Rev. Brian Christopher Coulter, The Presbyterian Outlook

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Kathy and John Shilling

SERVING TODAY

- ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Charlotte Van Beke
- GREETERS:** (11:00) Nancy Lowe and Bonny Naugher
- LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd
- MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir
- SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Larry Tragresser
- SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan
- USHERS:** (9:00) Carol Beilharz abd Reed Ellis
(11:00) Joyce Ryan, Penny Tschantz, Gary Rowcliffe, Jay Schmid, Brenda Seip

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Kathie and Thomas Tallant in memory of Mary McKeegan, who was born on October 7, 1976.

OUR THANKS to Daniel Berry for his enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

JOHN GOSS (1800-1880) was an English organist, composer, and teacher. A pupil of Thomas Attwood, organist of St. Paul’s, London, Goss eventually held the same position, and along with such composers as Samuel Sebastian Wesley, he attempted to elevate the standards of English church music, which where, during his lifetime, in decline. From 1827 to 1874, he taught harmony at the Royal Academy of Music, where his students included Arthur Sullivan of future Gilbert and Sullivan fame.



MUSICA ORGANI will present concert organist Kathleen Scheide in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, October 20, at 8:00. Dr. Scheide is Music Director and Organist at Church of the Loving Shepherd, West Chester, Pennsylvania, and she has concertized throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Russia, the Far East, and the Caribbean. Her program will include music by J. S. Bach, Böhm, Drischner, Kellner, Stirling, and her own music. The congregation is

cordially invited to attend. Please visit <http://www.musicaorgani.org> for more information.

THIS MORNING marks the 25th anniversary of our sanctuary organ’s first notes being played in worship. The instrument arrived in thousands of parts on Monday, September 28, 1998, and the complicated process of assembly immediately followed. Two weeks later the instrument had enough pipes voiced and tuned to make it playable for worship and its service to the church began. Here is part of the announcement from the October 11, 1998 bulletin: “Westminster’s new organ will be introduced stop [set of pipes] at a time, as each becomes playable. This morning we will mostly hear the Principal 8’, which speaks at the same pitch level as the piano. Notice the relaxed, vocal quality of the tone and how it provides a full, warm foundation for hymn singing. The second of the prelude pieces is played on the Quintadena 16’, which speaks an octave lower than an 8’ stop.” Visit the *Musica Organi* link above to see installation photos and all the introductions of each stop!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminster's Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs fireplace room

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS Parish Nurse Linda Judge-McRae will be offering blood pressure checks in the Schilling Gallery today at 10am.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 12 at 8:30 a.m. Larry Ridley will be leading the discussion, “My Newspaper Died”. Come join us and bring a friend or a new member.

MEN’S BOOK CLUB will be meeting at 9:30am October 12 in the LKH to discuss *The Brothers* by Stephen Kinzer.

WPC WORKDAY: Join us for some part of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds, Saturday, October 21 anytime between 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

JUSTICE KNOX Want to be a part of a social movement that is achieving results? Justice Knox (JK) is kicking off a new season and inviting you to attend one of two Listening Sessions on October 15th and 22nd right after the 11 o'clock worship service. This is a time for existing team members, supporters, and visitors to gather together and listen to each other's concerns about community problems and what might be issues that keep participants up at night. In the past, JK has dealt effectively with problems such as homelessness, mental health, education, gun violence, and inequitable transportation opportunities. Live out our faith with JK by "walking the talk" with tangible, realistic action. Mark your calendar to join Tim Crais on October 15th or Andrew MacDonald on October 22nd. Both meetings will be held at Westminster. See you then.

LECONTE 2024 We received the great news that we won the LeConte Lottery again this year! Our date for our annual hike to the LeConte Lodge is Saturday, July 20, 2024. The cost per hiker is \$184. WPC needs to get the check to LeConte no later than November 1 so the absolute deadline to sign up and pay for your space is October 25. Any unclaimed spots of our 36 spaces will need to be forfeited on October 26. Let's do this!!!

READING RACE & FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS every Tuesday through November 7th; 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. in the McKinnon Room led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. We will be working through *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The books, along with a number of other tools, will be utilized as starting points for us to examine how we — as individuals, as a community, and as Christians — are impacted by, complicit in, and faithfully resisting the forces of structural racism that we have inherited.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS WITH RICHARD COBLE

- Bearden Neighborhood Group, October 21 at 4pm
at Cindy Spangler’s house, 4175 Ridgeway Lane. Contact Cindy for more information at spangler2@gmail.com.
- Farragut and Rocky Hill Neighborhood Group (RCP) October 22 at 5pm
- Cedar Bluff Neighborhood Group (RCP) October 29 at 12:15pm

TRUNK OR TREAT is happening October 29 at 5pm. Everyone is welcome!!

THE NEXT WPC HIKE will be to Mt. Cammerer on Monday, October 30. This hike is 11.1 miles long, 3149' elevation gain, and is rated DIFFICULT. We’ll meet at the Strawberry plains Cracker barrel parking lot (side closest to the Weigel’s) at 8am. For more information please contact Cindy Spangler at spangler2@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES is once again on our church calendar and just around the corner. We weren't able to secure our favorite pavilion at Metcalf Bottoms this year, but have secured a lovely spot at Norris Dam State Park for this year's early morning feast. Originated by the late and beloved Don Byerly, this event has brought together members of our congregation to celebrate the memory of Matt Mathews, while enjoying good food, fellowship, and the beautiful outdoors. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11, and look for more detailed information in future weekly newsletters and the Westminster Abbey, as we get closer to the date.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 8

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

10:00am - Blood Pressure checks

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

Tuesday, October 10

10:00am - Staff Meeting

12:00pm - Reading Race & Faithful Conversations Class

Wednesday, October 11

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 12

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship

9:30am - Men's Book Club

1:00pm - FISH delivery

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers