



The Order of Worship May 19, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

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) Adagio con espressione Ludwig van Beethoven
(from Sonata No. 13, Op. 27, No. 1)
(11:00) Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208 Dieterich Buxtehude
We Now Petition the Holy Spirit
Chorale text: We now petition the holy spirit for true belief above all, so that he may watch over us at our end when we travel home from this miserable world. Lord, have mercy.

Martin Luther
trans. Francis Browne

INTROIT (11:00) Children's Prayer German folk tune
arr. Robert Leaf

Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray. Thy word shall our hearts and our voices obey. Through darkness and danger abide on our way. Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.

So softly, so gently, the dawn of the day, With beauty surrounds us while lighting our way. Oh Father, direct us in work and in play. In all our endeavor be faithful, we pray.

We welcome thy Spirit within us to dwell, Thy glory and honor our voices will tell. We thank thee, we praise thee, thy word we obey. Oh Father, in heaven, be with us we pray.

Robert Leaf
Boys' and Girls' Choirs

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP** (9:00) Linda Judge-McRae; (11:00) Jim Mason
One: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.
All: The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.
One: The expression of the Spirit's power in our community is a wonder to behold.
All: We each have a different voice, yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 282 (Glory to God hymnal) Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

*CALL TO CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**
God of every tongue,
We are grateful that in the presence of the Spirit, we are not asked to forget ourselves but to remember. To remember where we came from, to recall the sound of our own cultures and languages. Help us to heal from spaces that have demanded assimilation from us under the guise of unity. To belong, we are told we must exalt commonality over particularity. Teach us the kind of belonging that is not threatened by those things that make us different but comes alive at the site of inclusion. Lead us into spaces where our presence is longed for not as a mark of achievement but out of the deep recognition that hope cannot survive on one tongue alone. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON arr. David N. Johnson

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
*PASSING OF THE PEACE
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (sing twice) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING Ezekial 37:1-14
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Wanda Barber
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21
SERMON "From Dissonance to Harmony" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
*HYMN NO. 610 (Glory to God hymnal) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

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
(9:00) Children's Prayer German folk tune
(The text is found at the Introit.)
(11:00) Turn the World Around Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman
arr. Larry Farrow

We come from the fire, livin' in the fire, go back to the fire, turn the world around.

We come from the mountain, living in the mountain, go back to the mountain, turn the world around. Oh, so is life. Ah, so is life.

Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are? See we one another clearly, Do we know who we are? Oh, so is life abatee [our fortunate

existence], Wah, ah, hah! So is life!

Water make the river, river wash the mountain, fire make the sunlight, turn the world around.

Heart is of the river, body is of the mountain, spirit is the sunlight, turn the world around.

Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman

Robert Adamcik, Congas

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Old Hundredth*
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** (9:00)

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

(9:00) Go Now in Peace Natalie Sleeth
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev'rywhere you may go.

Natalie Sleeth

Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Sevenfold Amen John Stainer

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Komm heileger Geist Herre Gott (Bicinium) Georg Philipp Telemann
Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

Chorale text: Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God, fill the hearts, minds and spirits of your faithful with the goodness of your mercy. Ignite your ardent love in them. O Lord, through the brilliancy of your light you have gathered the peoples of all the world's tongues into the faith. Let this be sung to your praise. Alleluia.

Anonymous, 15th century
literal trans. Mark Bighley

(11:00) Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667 J. S. Bach
Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit
(from the *Leipzig Chorales*)

Chorale text: Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit, and visit the hearts of your people. Fill them with grace, for you know that your creation should be yours.

Martin Luther
literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

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Prayer of Confession Adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Richard Ward
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Deb McGaugh
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: (11:00) Cooper Kringen

GREETERS: (11:00) Rob and Susan McKeehan

LITURGIST: (9:00) Linda Judge-McRae; (11:00) Jim Mason

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Dan Collins

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and Dave Woodall

(11:00) Nancy Lowe, Mike Kaufman, John Salsbery, Tim and Joyce Ryan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rob and Susan McKeehan in memory of Mary McKeehan and in gratefulness of her Westminster caregivers.

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Chancel Choir.

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)
Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Sara Cantrell, Vicki Chapman, Karen and Brian

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (McKinnon Room)

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

Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade

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

Children's Church for children preschool through 5th 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 (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

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

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00) Our thanks to Bettie Mason for finding the following article by Josh Wheeler: "This passionately triumphant anthem speaks to the importance of finding one's heritage and identity, particularly in a society that often represses diversity and ethnicity. Released in 1977 as part of his album with the same title, "Turn the World Around" became one of Belafonte's most notable works. However, it gained even more recognition when it was featured in a 1979 episode of "The Muppet Show," where Belafonte performed alongside specially-made puppets designed to look like African masks. The lyrics of the song express a powerful message of unity and embracing diversity. It begins with the repeated lines, "We come from the fire, Living in the fire, Go back to the fire, Turn the world around." Here, the fire symbolizes the struggles and hardships faced by marginalized communities. It urges individuals to recognize their roots and overcome the challenges they face by working together to create positive change in the world. In the following verse, the song shifts to the element of water, emphasizing the importance of flowing and adapting to the circumstances. ... Water represents fluidity and resilience, urging listeners to embrace change and move forward together for the betterment of society. The lyrics continue with the theme of connection to nature, as the song progresses to the element of the mountain. ... Mountains symbolize strength, stability, and the ability to rise above challenges. It encourages listeners to tap into their inner strength and face adversity head-on, with the belief that they can create a positive impact. The refrain of the song, "Oh, oh, so is life, Ah, ha, so is life," reminds us of the cyclical nature of life and the importance of recognizing our shared humanity. It calls for introspection and mutual understanding, asking, "Do you know who I am? Do I know who you are? See we one another clearly, Do we know who we are?" ... The final verse emphasizes the role of the spirit in turning the world around, reinforcing the idea that change begins within each individual, and it is through a collective spirit that transformation can happen."

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available from Linda Judge-McRae, our Parish Nurse, **TODAY** in the Schilling Gallery after both worship services.

FOOD TRUCKS are coming to Westminster **TODAY** after the 11:00 worship service. We hope you make plans to join us for lunch and fellowship!

LISTENING SESSIONS FOR WPC MUSIC PROGRAM The Worship, Music, and Arts Ministry Team and Richard Coble is holding a final listening session about your vision, hopes, and concerns about the coming music search at Westminster **TONIGHT** at 7pm.

FRIENDS OF FISH We're Getting Ready.....June is Westminster's month to bag groceries for those in need and to care for the FISH Pantry located at the Church of the Savior on Weisgarber. Second Harvest will deliver our groceries on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00. Volunteers are needed to help stock the pantry!! It's a fairly quick and easy job if you can carry a case of food. We form a fireman's line to move cases into the pantry to be met by stackers on the inside. Takes less than an hour. Questions? Please call Linda Van Beke or Janet Drumm.

SHARE THE BOUNTY table is available in the Schilling Gallery. The table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens as well as our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. All proceeds placed in the donation basket will be going to help support Presbytery's Carbon Footprint ministry.

SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY Beginning this Wednesday, May 22 and continuing weekly through June and July, we will hold a lectionary Bible study on the coming Sunday's sermon passage. These meetings will take place Wednesdays at 12:00pm in the McKinnon Room. The preacher of the following Sunday will be leading and organizing the Bible study. We will be studying some of the context and history of the passage, but will also be asking how it is speaking directly to us in our lives and faith.

SUMMER WORSHIP: Beginning May 26th we will be having one worship service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

LADIES BOOK CLUB All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join us occasionally or all the time.

May 21 *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, discussion leader is Ginger Williams

June 18 *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon discussion leader is Janice Rawe

Contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP Come join us Thursday, May 23rd at 8:30 a.m. in the McKinnon Room, as our special guest, Jason Hardy, explores 'Tradition, Innovation and Connection – The State of the Arts.' Jason, Knoxville Opera's general Director and CEO, previously served at Opera Memphis, and Opera Delaware. Before this work, Hardy had an 18-year career as an acclaimed operatic bass on the opera, concert, and recital stage, singing leading roles in many of the country's most prestigious opera and concert halls.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be June 10th-12th from 9am-12pm. This year's theme is "Saints and Holy Helpers!" All children up to rising 5th graders are invited to attend. Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.



PARENTS MORNING OUT!!

Starting the week after VBS, we will be having Parents Morning Out June 17th through July 31st from 9am-12pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can sign up your kiddos or as a volunteer! If you are interested in either, please email Sophia (sophia@wpcknox.org) and she will send you the link!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WPC pickleball tutoring and tourney for beginners and intermediate, Friday, May 31, 5:00-8:00pm at WEST HILLS. The Connect Team is throwing a Pickleball extravaganza where anyone age 11 or older can get some instruction (from "I've never played" to "I love this game!!") We'll have 6 courts available and teachers for Intermediate, Beginning, and Newby players. After a bit of tutoring, we'll play games (both Round-Robin fun games and a Pickleball Ladder-style tourney for those that want to compete.) We'll even provide paddles for those who need them! Call the office or sign up by the office and kitchen today!!

YOUTH TODAY- MORNING POINTE AND MAIN EVENT!!

The youth are going to have a great afternoon today! First, we are visiting elder friends at Morning Pointe Senior Living center. We will play games, do crafts, and have some nice conversation. In other words, we will make each others' day!! After our time together, the youth will go to Main Event to enjoy an all-access pass to bowling, laser tag, video & Virtual Reality games, and even some pizza! Bring \$20** for the Main Event part of the evening. We will leave for Morning Pointe at 3, and return to the church by 7. **Scholarships are available to help with the cost, just let Barbara know. Hope to see you this afternoon!!!

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 19

9:00am - RCP Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

10:00am to noon - Blood pressure checks

10:30am - Session New Member meeting

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15pm - Food Trucks

3:00pm - Youth Service Project and Main Event party

7:00pm - Listening session with Richard Coble

Tuesday, May 21

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Ladies' book club

Wednesday, May 22

12:00pm - Summer Bible study

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Wombats softball game

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 23

8:30am - Men's Fellowship Breakfast

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

7:00pm - Handbells

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

Class of 2026

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Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

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