



**The Order of Worship**

**Oak Park, Montgomery, Alabama**  
**July 7, 2024**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**SEVENTH 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.*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**PRELUDE** Thou Man of Grief, Remember Me *Kedron Gardner Read*  
*Rev. Ann Brunger*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 48)\*\*

One: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised  
**All: We do not worship God's holy mountain. We do not worship the city on the hill.**

One: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.  
**All: But the temple is not your body. Neither statue, nor flag, nor symbol of any kind are a match for you.**

One: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.  
**All: No borders or maps define you. No nation on Earth can claim you for themselves.**

One: Of what can we say, "This is God"?  
**All: Only love. We come to worship the God of love.**

**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)\*\*  
**Holy Three, Holy One, triune God,**  
**We confess that we do not believe that you have overcome sin and death. We are more in touch with the pangs of our weakness than we are in the power of your love. In fear, we worship idols; in despair, we collapse in hopelessness; in rage, we seek to dominate others. O God of David, forgive us. O Son of David, have mercy on us. O Spirit of the Living God, grant us peace. Send us out with the good news: nothing can withstand the victory of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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**  
**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**  
**SCRIPTURE READING** Mark 6:1-13  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Melanie Lewis  
*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*  
**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
**HOMILY** "Forgetting the Former Things?" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble  
**\*HYMN NO. 507** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come to the Table of Grace *Table of Grace*  
**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** I Am the Bread of Life Rene Clausen  
Meredith Mackay, soprano  
**\*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**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**  
**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Responsive)  
One: The Lord be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**Many: We lift them to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**THE LORD'S 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**  
**BREAKING OF BREAD**  
*Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.*  
*All pre-cut bread is gluten free.*  
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 726** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Will You Come and Follow Me? *Kelvingrove*

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**  
**\*POSTLUDE** God of Grace *Cwm Rhondda Paul Mantz*

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit  
\*\*Prayer of Confession Adapted from Peace Presbyterian Fellowship, Liturgical Resources for Sunday, July 4, 2021. Prayer of Confession from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion*, Year B, Vol. 2, Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Barbara Froula and George Barber  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY:** Jan Barber and Susan McKeehan  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**  
**GREETERS:** Bill and Bonnie Rogers  
**LITURGIST:** Rev. Ann Brunger  
**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Michael Betz  
**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher  
**USHERS:** Judy Jordan, Mike Kaufman, Darlen Milam, Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman

**THANK YOU** to Theresa Pepin for serving as Organist this week.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Laura Barron with love in memory of Jack Barron for his birthday. Thank you for the 45 years of adventures and memories.

**ANTHEM NOTES** This morning's anthem is part of a larger work by Rene Clausen, entitled, "A New Creation." Composed in 1989, Clausen writes that the work is in praise of God, and that awe and wonder, unworthiness and doubt, mercy and forgiveness, love, joy, and peace are wrapped together in the piece, as indeed these elements are wrapped together in our lives. Clausen is Conductor Emeritus at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota where he taught and mentored young singers for 34 years prior to his retirement in 2020. Our thanks to Meredith Mackay for sharing a portion of the work on this communion Sunday at WPC.

**PRAYER LIST** (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)  
Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Sara Cantrell, Vicki Chapman, Kenny Baker, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**

**Adult Bible Study** is reading the Old Testament Book of Micah. Micah is famous as the prophet in Judah who proclaimed, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"(6:8) We will see that those requirements are both individual and societal.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

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

*Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 10:00 worship service.*

**THANK YOU TO ARTHUR COLLINS** Today is Arthur Collins' last day serving as Worship Tech. They have helped us countless times recording Sunday services, funerals and special events as needed. It has been great working with Arthur, and we appreciate all they do for the church. Thank you Arthur!!

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is TODAY at 5:00pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy unitedprinters@comcast.net. Thank you!

**SAVVY CAREGIVER** an evidence-based, 6-week support program for caregivers of those with dementia and sponsored by the Pat Summitt Clinic, will be offered on our campus each Friday starting July 12 through August 16 from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon. Read the most recent edition of "The Abbey" for more information. Contact Linda Judge-McRae to participate: mcrae1228@comcast.net.

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** Please join the Connect Ministry Team after worship on Sunday, July 14 in the Schilling Gallery as we welcome all the wonderful people who have joined Westminster since last summer. This is an informal reception that will allow us to meet and greet our newest members. Many of these folks you already know because they are actively involved in the life and work of Westminster.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** has changed the book for the July 16th meeting to *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. We have also been invited to lunch at Janice Rawe's home after our meeting.

**SUMMER CHOIR** will return July 14. We 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!

**SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY ON WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**  
Continuing each Wednesday through 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 WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER** Dates: July 17 and August 21  
Come gather for a Westminster Family Potluck meal and programming! Dinner will be held from 6:00-6:45pm. Afterward, we will break up for 4 different opportunities for formation and programming for children, youth, and adults from 6:45-7:45pm.

**PARENTS MORNING OUT** We will be having Parents Morning Out through July 31st from 9am-12pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can sign up your kiddos or as a volunteer! Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** will be the 3rd Friday of every month! The remaining dates for this are July 19 and August 16 from 5:00 to 8:00pm! Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.

**JOIN KAYE DAVIS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** Dan and Becky, Kaye Davis' children, would like to invite the congregation to join in the celebration. The party will be held in the Ruthie Carey pavilion on July 27 at 12:00 noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. We hope you will celebrate this wonderful and sweet lady with us next month. Mark your calendars!

**SEND IN YOUR FAVORITE PHOTOS** from this last weekends celebration of Peter Van Eenam to Joanna@wpcknox.org and/or to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net. Debbie will be making a collage of photos from the festivities.

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**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, July 7**

9:00am - Bible Study Class

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

**Monday, July 8**

9:00am - Noon - Parents Morning Out

6:30pm - Music Search Team Meeting

**Tuesday, July 9**

10:00am - Staff meeting

**Wednesday, July 10**

9:00am - Noon - Parent's Morning Out

12:00pm - Summer Bible study

4:30pm - Companions

**Thursday, July 11**

1:00pm - FISH

**Friday, July 12**

10:00am - Savvy Caregiver

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Youth Elder: Lucy Gilbert

**Class of 2026**

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

**Class of 2027**

George Barber

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Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

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