



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 35 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
Lobe den Herren

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)\*\*

Loving God, our journey to You often feels like a dance, one step forward and two steps back. We follow and we falter; we try and we give up. The good we do seems to fall flat, and the wrong we do gets magnified. For all our failings, for all our missteps, You do not give up on us. Stay with us, and when we lose our way, turn us around to You. This we pray in the name of Jesus. 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 Psalm 85:8-13

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Bryan Powell

Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 6:1-19

SERMON "A Dance in 3-Steps" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

\*HYMN NO. 157 (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Danced in the Morning  
Lord of the Dance

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (from the Iona Abbey Worship Book)

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of Joy.

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 The Gift of Love O Waly Waly  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Summer Chancel Choir

\*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

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 175 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Seek Ye First Lafferty

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE And Faith Points Upward to the Sky Distress  
Dr. Robert J. Powell

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Call to worship from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts. Vol. 57.1. Prayer of Confession written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.'

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Bill Farnham

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JULY: Jan Barber and Susan McKeehan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Carlene and Max Robinson

**LITURGIST:** Barbara Adamcik

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Chancel Choir

**ORGANIST:** Theresa Pepin

**PIANIST:** Ibbie Muntz

**SUMMER CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Ruth Ann Bendy

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Buz Johnson

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:** Nancy Lowe, Alice and Charlie Mercer, Doug Naugher, Mark Potocik

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rachel and Bryan Powell with thanksgiving to God and in honor of Lucy's 14th and Bobby's 16th birthdays.

The Order of Worship

July 14, 2024

10:00 A.M.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER 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 'Tis the Gift to Be Simple

Simple Gifts

Dr. Robert J. Powell

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 24)\*\*

Barbara Adamcik

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,

All: for God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?

All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

One: Such is the company of those who seek God, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

All: O God, we seek your face!

One: Let us worship God with gladness.

**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, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann's niece).

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**  
**Adult Bible Study** is reading the Gospel of Matthew. We meet in the McKinnon room each Sunday before worship.

**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.*

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION TODAY!** Please join the Connect Ministry Team after worship today for a reception in the Schilling Gallery as we welcome the following new members who have joined Westminster since last summer: Salma Alami, Stephen and Jennifer Aiken, Pat Chappel, Judy Hagan, Mary and Jeremy Jennings, Ben and Hillary Jones, Keith Kaufman, Dick and Ginger Ray, Katherine Sands, Brian Shelby, Isaac Shelby, Corita Swanson, Greg and Glenda Tolliver, Doug and Lucy Tyler and Alexandra MacDonald. We are so happy they have chosen Westminster to be their family of faith!

**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.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** July 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Library. Our new book for discussion is *Such A Fun Age* by Kiley Reid, which explores the question of what happens when you do the right thing for the wrong reason? This discussion will be led by Martha Reynolds. We hope you can join us!

**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.

**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! Please RSVP to Becky Slone (Kaye's daughter) if you plan on celebrating with them, 606-231-1516.

**RALLY DAY** Noteworthy activities have been accomplished at Westminster over the last year. If you would like to share those accomplishments and request new ideas and participation for this coming year, please sign up for a table at this year's **Rally Day** on **August 11th** during the Sunday School hour. Sign up by the first of August so we can plan the number of tables to ready. Thanks for all you do to make spiritual formation and mission a noteworthy practice in our church community.

### **POTLUCK WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER!!**

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 opportunities for formation and programming from 6:45-7:45pm. **Dates: third Wednesday of each month: July 17, and August 21.**



**Option 1:** *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. We will be talking about our experiences finding meaning in the second half of life. Conversations led by Richard Coble and Gradye Parsons. Please let Richard know if you would like for us to order you a copy of the book or you will be purchasing one on your own. The cost is \$20 per book. Richard@wpcknox.org.

**Option 2:** *Never Thought of It that Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* - series of conversations about how to address charged topics as a community of faith. Classes led by Jaclyn Beeler, Jeff Gilbert, Daniel Lewis, Wendy Neff.

**Programming for Children:** *Saints and Holy Helpers*  
Who are saints? Are saints only from our past, or are there still saints today? How am I called to be a holy helper? Bible lessons, drama time, and crafts will provide our younger members with spiritual formation using Saints and Holy Helpers. Sophia Manrod, Mary Boyd, and Debbie Babelay will be leading the children while they experience God's love and presence in our lives as they learn about saints from the Bible and observe saints that surround us in our daily lives.

**Youth:** *The Gospels*  
Why do you think there are four books about Jesus in the Bible? Do you think it's OK that there are differences in the four books? If you were to share the story of Jesus' resurrection, what do you think would be the key points to share? The fact that there are four Gospels in the Bible can lead people to wonder, not only why there are four books, but also which one is the most authentic, important, or "true" account. We will explore how each Gospel plays its own unique role in sharing the message of Christ's life and ministry. We will also see how the combination of the four Gospels gives us a more holistic image of who Jesus was and why we believe what we do. The Youth classes, grades 6-12, will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Kathy Parsons, and others.

**CHECK OUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL TABLE** The theme is Pick TN and there is a plethora of information on farmers markets, honey farms and pick your own farms for congregation. Plenty of handouts; many donated by Nourish Knoxville. Check it out and get some great food while supporting local farmers.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** Stop by the Share the Bounty table that is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. 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 a ministry that the Environmental Concerns team chooses.

### **SAFE ZONE TRAINING**

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another. *John 13:35*

Westminster Presbyterian Church is committed to living into the community within which all people can grow to love God and love the image of God that we find in our neighbors, in ourselves and in creation. We seek an inclusive community where everyone is valued. This is a value we reaffirmed when we committed ourselves to be a More Light Church. We seek to understand each other and listen to the stories of our journeys.

Shannon Brown from Appalachian OUTreach has offered to us a three week class to help us along that journey of inclusion. The goal of these classes is to deepen our understandings of the LGBTQ+ community, terminology and language and the current issues of living in Tennessee.

The class will start after worship and begin at 11:15 and generally go for one hour. (McKinnon Room)

**July 21:** One Sunday of LGBTQ+ history and current TN laws and how our societal attitudes are influenced by the changing laws

**July 28:** One Sunday a member of the LGBTQ+ community speaking from the perspective of personal experiences

**August 4:** One Sunday of Q&A.

If you have any questions contact Gradye Parsons, gradye@wpcknox.org.

**SUMMER CHOIR** 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!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** The books for the monthly Women's Bible Study have arrived. This year, we'll be looking at Dr. Lauren Winner's book, *Mudhouse Sabbath*. If you are planning to participate, you can pick up a book in the church office. Some of you may remember that Dr. Winner, Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School, visited Westminster as a guest speaker about ten years ago. She was born to a Jewish father and a Southern Baptist mother, and was raised Jewish. She converted to Orthodox Judaism in her freshman year at Columbia University, and then to Christianity while doing her master's degree at Cambridge University. *Mudhouse Sabbath* is about becoming a Christian while appreciating the Jewishness of historical Christian faith. We'll meet for the first time Thursday, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. in LK Hall. If you have questions, contact Mary Boyd, maryeboyd1@gmail.com

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**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, July 14**

9:00am - Bible Study Class

9:00am - Summer Choir Practice

10:00am - Sanctuary Worship

11:00am - New Member Reception

**Monday, July 15**

9:00am - Noon - Parents Morning Out

6:30pm - Music Search Team Meeting

**Tuesday, July 16**

10:00am - Staff meeting

10:30am - Ladies' Book Club

**Wednesday, July 17**

Montreat Middle School Retreat (through 7/21)

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

12:00pm - Summer Bible study

4:30pm - Companions

6:00pm - Wednesdays at Westminster Potluck and programming

**Friday, July 19**

10:00am - Savvy Caregiver Class

5:00pm - Parents Night Out

**Saturday, July 20**

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10:00am - Session Retreat

**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

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

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