



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of Worship

August 11, 2024  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

## RALLY DAY

### 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** Voluntary in C Anonymus, 18th c.  
**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**  
**CALL TO WORSHIP\*\*** 9:00 Bobby Powell; 11:00 Mary Sophia Hawks

One: Here, in this place,  
God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:  
**All: Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**  
One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:  
**All: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**  
One: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:  
**All: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, ‘God, save us!’ in every situation.**

### TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 401 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Here in This Place *Gather Us In*

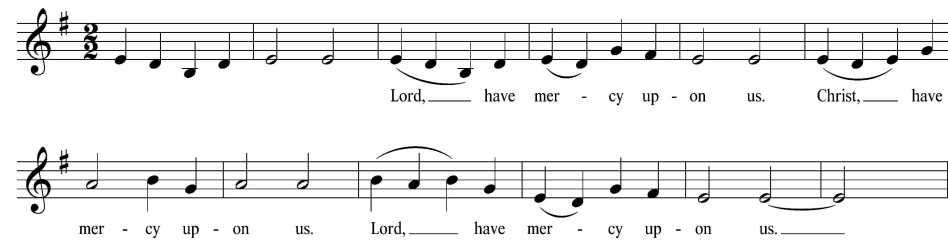
\*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

God of welcome, We confess that at times we have been content to exclude or neglect those our communities cannot use. We have been so wrapped up in status and symbol that we have constructed walls not out of wisdom or self-understanding, but out of feigned superiority and elitism. We have not loved well. We have prioritized the powerful and popular. We have neglected the friends who give more than they ever receive. We have forgotten the quiet. We have forgotten ourselves. Have mercy on us, that we might become faithful harbors for belonging in a dislocated world. And as we gaze on the faces of the lonely, of the abandoned, forgive us. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

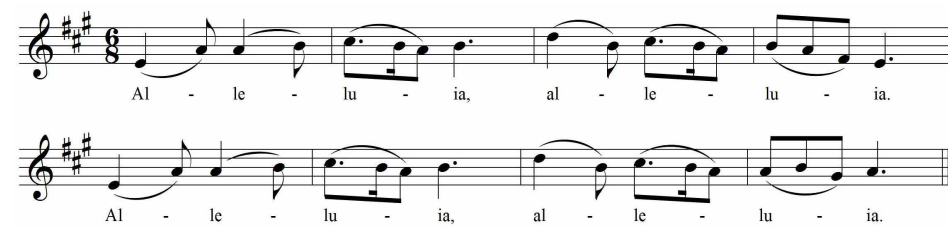
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

John 6:35, 41-51

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington and Sophia Manrod

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

SERMON

“The Rage Machine”

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

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

McKee

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)\*\*

As we are sent, as we are called, as we choose to go into the world,  
the body of Christ,  
dwelling amid the body politic,  
seeking the common good for all.

We go with minds and hearts that are humble  
to find a faith strengthened by always seeking God.

We go with hands and feet that are just  
to take part in God’s healing of a hurting world.

We go with souls and spirits that are kind  
to tell God’s story of dignity, empathy, and love.

And we go led by the God who sends us, calls us back, and sends us again  
to be and become more than we could ever dream for ourselves.

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) We Gather Together (Hymn of Thanksgiving)

Netherlands Folk Hymn, harmonized by Eduard Kremser

Daniel Berry, Bass

(11:00) Glory to God, Our Lord Above

Robert J. Powell

\*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. 610 (*Glory to God* hymnal) O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Azmon

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Voluntary

William Boyce

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Call to worship by Thom M. Shuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>.

Prayer of Confession by Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*. Affirmation of Faith by Bruce Reyes-Chow, *Everything Good about God is True: Choosing Faith*.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Allie Brewington and Richard Ward

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST:** Cindy Spangler

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

### SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Mason and Monroe Carley

GREETERS: Joyce Ryan and Debbie Schmid

LITURGIST: Bobby Powell (9:00); Mary Sophia Hawks (11:00)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Daniel Berry (9:00); Chancel Choir (11:00)

ORGANIST: John Brock

ACCOMPANIST: Karen Yarbrow

PIANIST: Ruth Ann Bendy (9:00)

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Ibbie Muntz

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Hap McSween

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS: Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy (9:00); John Salsbery, Janet Drumm, Rob and Susan McKeehan, Kathy Huck (11:00)

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are dedicated to Richard, Lindsey, Joseph, & Auden Coble in celebration and gratitude on their 1st anniversary being here at Westminster! With great appreciation!- Kathryn & Rick Oakes

**SPECIAL THANKS** to Ruth Ann Bendy for assisting and conducting Summer Choir. We are blessed that she will continue to sing in Chancel Choir, while her conducting skills, and her patience, will now move to her students at Farragut Middle School where she is Choral Director.

**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).



**KONA ICE TRUCK** will be on-site in the church parking lot TODAY from 12:00-1:00pm. Come have a cool icee on WPC.

**RALLY DAY TODAY** All are invited to take a walk through our noteworthy moments of spiritual formation and mission happenings at Westminster. Listen to the music. Make some music. Meander through our church seeing things in use to create noteworthy moments. Walk and talk with your friends as you see the mural painted by last year's confirmands. Experience the children's worship space. Listen to the sounds of learning as the children create. Explore our library. Meander through all of the missions of our congregation. Let members of the Spiritual Formation Team know of your own mission of spiritual formation.

**Sunday School begins August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**

**ADULT OFFERINGS**

**Adult Bible Study** is reading the Gospel of Matthew. We meet in the McKinnon room each Sunday before worship.

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

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

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS**

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old  
 Sunday School for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old  
 Children's Church for children preschool through 5<sup>rd</sup> grade

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

**YOUTH OFFERINGS**

**WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers)** - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades in the WAMS room.

**Confirmation Class** - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster)** - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades in the SHOW room.

**WPC HIKE Monday, August 12** we will explore Big Creek located off I-40 near the NC state line. This moderate hike is 4.2 miles roundtrip and includes 605 feet of elevation gain. Plan to meet at the Strawberry Plains Cracker Barrel, 1510 Cracker Barrel Lane, Knoxville, at 9 AM to organize carpools. Park facing Weigels. Drivers to the trailhead must have a Smokies parking sticker or be prepared to purchase one (\$5) at the Big Creek parking lot. Please register with Cindy Spangler if you plan to join the hike! spangler2@gmail.com

**CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 14.

**JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION** of the Parsons 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. WPC has been invited to join in Gradye and Kathy's celebration being held by their children, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the Pavilion.

**FAMILY PROMISE FUNDRAISER** Come to the Pasta and Bluegrass Festival benefitting Family Promise of Knoxville, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm at Sacred Heart School Live Bluegrass music by Demijohns. Tickets will be available today in the Schilling Gallery: Adult \$15, children \$10, family package \$40. Details at FamilyPromiseKnoxville.org.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** Sunday, August 18 in the Schilling Gallery before and after 11:00 am Worship Service.

**SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY VIEWING** On August 18th, 4-5:30 p.m., we will have the unique opportunity to view the documentary *Unadopted* hosted by the film's maker, Noel Anaya. Also present will be representatives from a local adoption advocacy group. *Unadopted* starts with Anaya untangling his own unique story, which leads him to a wider examination that reveals the social welfare system's silent but pervasive systemic bias against families of color, and teenagers aka "older youth." Of the 440,000 kids in foster care in the U.S., more than a quarter are over age 12. Adoption rates for these older kids are abysmally low. What happens when you're "too old" to get adopted?

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** Begins on Thursday, August 22 at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. We will start up the Men's Breakfast with a program by John Smartt entitled "Avoiding Political Regret." The breakfast will be provided by Tim Crais. The program should be very thought-provoking with lots of discussion, and the breakfast should titillate your taste buds!! So, mark your calendars and come join us for a rousing good time and bring a friend if you can.

**WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES** The Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce that our annual visit to see the Tennessee Smokies play is scheduled for Friday night, August 23, at Smokies Stadium in Sevierville. The Smokies will be taking on the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, with the first pitch set for 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 per person, and we will be sitting on the home side of the field, down close to the action. The church office is now taking ticket orders, so all you have to do is send Renee or Joanna a check for the number of tickets you want, and you will be all set. The tickets will be passed out at the game. Make your checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and note in the memo space that the payment is for "Smokies Tickets."

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Allie Brewington, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Sawyer Warren, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, August 11**

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - RALLY DAY

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:00 - Kona Ice truck

12:15 - Trustees Meeting (Library)

**Monday, August 12**

9:00am - WPC Hike

**Tuesday, August 13**

10:00am - Staff meeting

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

**Wednesday, August 14**

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

**Saturday, August 17**

1:00pm - Parsons' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party

6:00pm - Family Promise cook off at Sacred Heart

**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

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