



The Order of Worship

September 1, 2024
11:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH 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 Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's hymn
arr. Mark Hayes

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barbara Adamcik

One: God teaches us the way of righteousness,
All: the way of love, the way of peace.
One: We glorify God,
All: gathering to hear God's word.
One: We glorify God,
All: enacting God's word in the world.
One: Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 32 (Glory to God hymnal) I Sing the Mighty Power of God Ellacombe

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)**

One: God of justice, keep us silent when the only words we have to utter are ones of judgment, exclusion or prejudice. Teach us to face the wounds in our own hearts. (Silence)

All: God of justice, give us power of speech to resist injustice, oppression and hate, not only on our own behalf but for others who are not heard. Make us peacemakers and restorers of our communities.

One: God of power, keep us silent so that we may listen respectfully to another person's pain without trying to fade or fix it, for you are present within each one of us. (Silence)

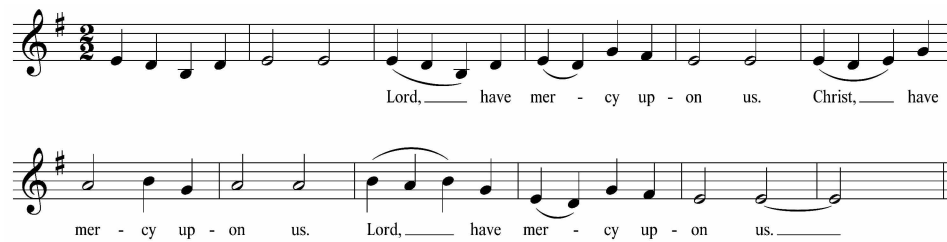
All: God of power, give us courage to share our gifts of speech to comfort, uphold and strengthen. Let us be a glimpse of your love to those in need.

One: God of love, in the silence of our hearts give us words of welcome, acceptance and renewal so that when we speak our words come from you. (Silence)

All: God of love, give us voices of praise to celebrate each other and the glories of creation, believing that we all live within your blessing. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

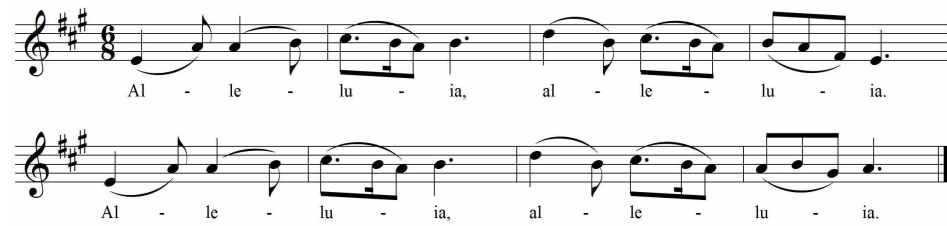
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rachel Powell

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

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

SERMON

"Does it make a difference?"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 708 (Glory to God hymnal) We Give Thee but Thine Own Schumann

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

Breathe on Me, Holy Spirit

Ian Hubbard

Ruth Ann Bendy, 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.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Let us Break Bread Together

arr. Tom Fettke

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Tom Fettke

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 295 (Glory to God hymnal) Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Little Prelude in F Major

J.S. Bach

*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 by Yvonne Morland in *50 Great Prayers from the Iona Community*, ed. Neil Paynter.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Barbara Froula and Ken Hughes
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Elinor Collins and Cecilia Collins

GREETERS: Jan Gross and Judy Jorden

LITURGIST: Barbara Adamcik

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir; Mary Lou Holt, Organist;

Ibbie Muntz, Pianist; Ruth Ann Bendy, Soloist

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: John Salsbery

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS: Darlen Milam, Shawn and David Owens, Rick and Janice Rawe

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe. We are thankful and happy to celebrate our 62th wedding anniversary today and wish best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this month.

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, Vicki Chapman, Kenny Baker, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann’s niece), Salma Alami, Melinda Foster, Families of Sara Cantrell, Sharon Evers, and Nancy Hawks (Mary Sophia Hawks's sister-in-law).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)

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 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 Grades in the WAMS room.

Confirmation Class - 7th & 8th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 9th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY Meeting September 5th at 10:30am in the Lisa Kaufman Hall.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES Friday, September 6, 9:00 p.m. we are having a Lock-Out

(A lock out is where we enjoy many late night activities, then take you home afterwards- usually about 1 a.m.) Barbara will send more details soon.

Sunday, September 8, 5-7 p.m Youth will be gathering for our annual Olympics!

The medals are spectacular (very French!) and the events are awesomely wild and crazy.

SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION for Sharon Evers will be held at Westminster September 7 at 2pm. Please keep Amy and Eric in your prayers as they go through this journey. Sharon has been a member of Westminster since March of 2015. Please contact the church office if you want to sign-up for finger foods to share on September 7th.

SAVE THE DATE September 28 at 4:00pm Emmanuel Presbyterian is celebrating their 125th anniversary and Westminster is invited!!

WPC HIKE The next hike will be the Angel Falls Overlook at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area on Saturday, September 28. Total mileage is 6 miles and is rated moderate. Carpool info will be forthcoming. Please note there is no UT football game on this date! Contact Cindy Spangler (spangler2@gmail.ocm) if you are interested.

OKTOBERFEST 2024 Register and pay \$15/person (adults only) by calling the church office (865-584-3957). Beer - Brats - Oompah Band-Games-Fun! Sunday, September 29 from 5:00-8:00 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion

TSHIRT ORDERS: We are excited for Westminster to participate in the Knox Pride Parade on October 4th at 7pm. We have designed a Westminster Pride Shirt for the parade and are taking orders now through September 18th. The shirts will be white Comfort Colors, \$20 each and they are available in youth sizes too. To order shirts visit <https://form.jotform.com/JaclynBeeler/wpc> If you would like to walk in the parade with Westminster please email Jaclyn Beeler, jaclynbeeler@gmail.com. More details regarding lineup time for the parade will be sent to everyone who signs up.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet on October 10 at 9:30. We will be discussing *Stocks for the Long Run* by Jeremy Siegel, facilitated by John Smart.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS/ARTISTS!! The WPC Alternative Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner- December 1, and we are encouraging as many people as possible to start cranking out some arts & crafts in which to donate for a charity or charities(to be determined) We will set up tables, as we did 2 years ago, to showcase all of the fun and beautiful creations! It can be anything from knitted items, jewelry, paintings, drawings, sculptures, crochet, etc, etc, etc... the possibilities are endless! Please consider donating to the arts & crafts booth! Contact Jacqueline Whittimore (865 323-8021) with any questions. Thanks! Kathryn Oakes (865)414-1564 (2nd contact)

SCHILLING GALLERY NEWS You are encouraged to view the current exhibit in the Schilling Gallery. For the months of September and October, the Artwork comes from the members of the Knoxville Watercolor Society. Bio Information and contacts are located in the display booklet. Sponsored by the Schilling Gallery Guild.

COME CHEER ON THE WOMBATS



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Ibbie Muntz, Interim Director of Music

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

Monday, September 2

Labor Day - Office closed

Tuesday, September 3

10:00am - Staff meeting

Wednesday, September 4

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, September 5

10:30am - Women’s Bible Study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

9:00pm - Youth Lock-out

Saturday, September 7

2:00pm - Service for Sharon Evers - Sanctuary

Sunday, September 8

9:00am - Worship - RCP

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00 - Worship - Sanctuary

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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