



The Order of Worship

September 8, 2024
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH 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

(9:00) Be Thou My Vision arr. Vandall

(11:00) Hymn to Joy Ludwig van Beethoven
harm. Cassidy Mackay
arr. and ed. Wayne Leupold

Cassidy Mackay, Organ

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Parsons

One: Here, in this place, we will not be afraid to sing the good news.
All: We will praise our God, now and always.
 One: Here, with these people, we will not fear in living the good news.
All: We will walk with Jesus, as he comes with justice in his hands.
 One: Here, in these moments, we will not be scared to tell the good news.
All: We will be open to all the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 624** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

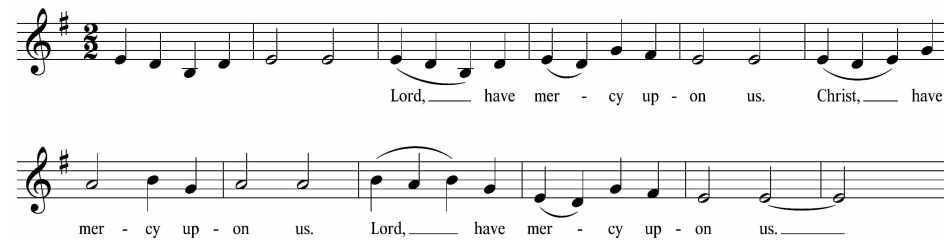
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**

We say that we are good listeners, God of holy ways, but we turn stopped up ears to the vulnerable around us. We say that we live as your people, but too often, put ourselves ahead of the people we love. We say that we are people of faith, but then try to overwhelm people with words, rather than acts of service.

We say so much, God of compassion, that we cannot hear you calling us to faithful living. Have mercy on us and send us out to offer kindness to the lonely. Have mercy on us and send us to be generous with the love you offer. Have mercy on us, so we might be open to all the chances we will have to follow, and to serve alongside our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



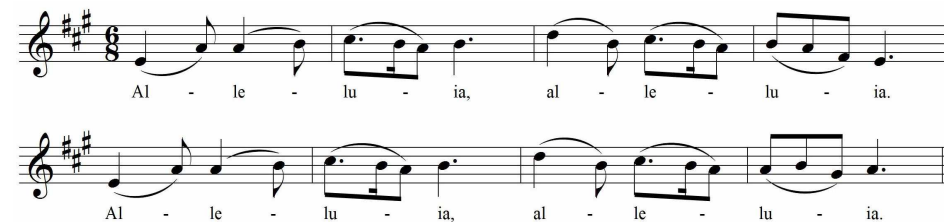
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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 146

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

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

ANTHEM Psalm 121

Timothy Shaw

I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
 The Lord who watches over you will not slumber. Your foot will never, never be moved; your Keeper will not sleep.
 The Lord who watches over you is your shelter. The sun will never harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
 I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
 I lift up my eyes to the hills!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

SERMON

"Cornered"

Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 749** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

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

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
 We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
 We trust in God.
 We are called to be the church:
 to celebrate God's presence,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
 In life, in death, in life beyond death,
 God is with us.
 We are not alone.
 Thanks be to God. 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) O Worship the King

Johann Michael Haydn
arr. Peggy A. Thompson

Handbells

(11:00) Benediction

John Stevens
arr. I. Moore

Brass 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. 733** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Ode to Joy

Beethoven
arr. Renfrow

(11:00) Presto from Divertimento in D major, K. 136

W. A. Mozart
arr. A. Homzy

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Prayer of Confession from Thom Shuman; Affirmation of Faith from Uniting Church of Canada

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Emily Gustafson and Bill Farnham
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Charlotte Van Beke and Marguerite MacDonald

GREETERS: (11:00) Shirley Wittman and Anne Crais

LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- Handbell Choir
- Chancel Choir
- Cassidy Mackay, Organist
- Karen Yarbro, Accompanist
- Westminster Brass Ensemble

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Rick Rawe

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS: (9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, John Salsbery, Charlie and Alice Mercer

MUSICAL NOTE Cassidy Mackay is making her organ debut today after taking lessons from Peter Van Eenam for about two months. She will be playing two verses of “Hymn to Joy”, the first verse is harmonized by Cassidy, the second verse is arranged by Wayne Leupold.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in celebration of their son Ward’s 9th Birthday on September 10.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Callum Gunn Quinn, born to parents Carolyn and Connor Quinn and big brother, Beck, on August 23. Proud grandparents are Reed and Lisa Ellis.

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.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet on Thursday, September 12th, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of East TN (PET). Wendy’s program is entitled "PET: Past, Present, and Future." She might also tell us a story or two about her experiences in Belfast, Northern Ireland as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV). Our breakfast will be prepared by one of our "master chefs,"so come join us for a fine meal and an excellent program. All (men and women) are invited. See you soon.

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 5rd 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.

YOUTH OLYMPICS TODAY Olympics, Westminster Youth-style!!
The Westminster Olympic committee calls on all youth to come join our annual Olympic games. This year, we will have an equal number of athletic and goofy-fun events. As always, medals (very precious) will be awarded to all winners. Betty McKeehan will be making an Italian feast for our dinner!! The games begin at 5 and parents may pick up (and see the awards ceremony) at 7 p.m. Let the games begin!!

FALL PROGRAMMING

Dr. William Yoo: September 21 and 22
William Yoo is the Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. Dr. Yoo is the author of *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*. Dr. Yoo was part of our Wednesday night series last Spring. He will be with us the weekend of September 21/22. He will make a presentation for our community on Saturday the 21st and preach on Sunday the 22nd.

Wednesday at Westminster “OUR CARE OF GOD’S GOOD CREATION”
Hospitality time at 5:30 with appetizers and finger food
Program at 6:00
There will be a children's program downstairs
September 25: Joy Grissom from the Native Plant Rescue Squad
October 2: Rev. Rebecca Barnes, author of *50 Ways to Help Save the Earth*
October 9: Adrienne Schwarte, Professor of Design and Coordinator of Sustainability Studies at Maryville College
October 16: We will begin with a 50 mile Potluck. You are asked to include in your dish at least one ingredient grown or produced (like Benton Ham) within 50 miles of Knoxville. The program will be a panel of our own plant experts: Ellen Anderson, Susan McKeehan, Alice Mercer and Rick Oakes

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 Smartt.

WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND US (Tuesdays at 12p, Sept. 24-Oct. 29):
White Christian Nationalism is neither Christian nor patriotic, but in recent years, churches and religious leaders have utilized this distortion of the faith to promote violence in the name of Christ. In this class, we will discuss what White Christian Nationalism is, how mainline churches such as our own are involved in its promotion, and what we are called to do in response.
Our class will begin with a viewing of the documentary, "God and Country" (2024) from 12-2p on Sept. 24 in the McKinnon Room. We will follow that in the ensuing weeks with a book study of *The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy* by Philip Gorski and Samuel Perry.
Books are available to purchase through the church office for \$18. Contact Richard (richard@wpcknox.org) by Wednesday, Sept. 18 if you would like a copy.

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.com) 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

LADIES BOOK CLUB Upcoming books for this year are:
September 17 *A Guide to Gender: The Social Justice Advocates Handbook* led by Karol Cooper and Ginger Williams
October 15 *Evidence of Things Unseen* by Marianne Wiggins
All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join us occasionally or as you are able. Contact Linda Rutherford for further information at 865-384-3435.

JUSTICE KNOX NEWS Listening Sessions on September 15th and 22nd right after the 11 o'clock worship service. This is a time for existing team members, supporters, and visitors to gather and listen to each other's concerns about community problems and issues that keep participants up at night. In the past, JK has dealt effectively with problems such as homelessness, affordable housing, mental health, education, gun violence, and inequitable transportation opportunities. Both meetings will be held at Westminster and are open to everyone.

SAVE THE DATE September 28 at 11:00am Emmanuel Presbyterian is celebrating their 125th anniversary and Westminster is invited!!

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.

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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

Sunday, September 8

3:00pm - Wombats Softball game

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, September 10

10:00am - Staff meeting

6:30 - Ministry Team Night

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

Wednesday, September 11

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship

1:00pm - FISH ministry

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

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

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