

The Order of Worship

September 15, 2024
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH 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

(9:00) Arioso J.S. Bach
(11:00) Morning Prayer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jacqui Whittemore

One: We have been gathered in this place for this time,
All: that we might hear the good news we can't help but share.
One: On this day and each one to come,
All: may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 667 (Glory to God hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies
Laudes Domini

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Lord, grant us your peace,
For we have made peace with what does not give peace:**

Our capacity to deceive
and willingness to be deceived,
Our loving of things
and using of people,
Our addiction to comfort
and sedation of conscience,
Our readiness to criticize
and reluctance to create,
Our clamor for privilege
and silence at injustice,
Our seeking for security
and forsaking the kingdom.

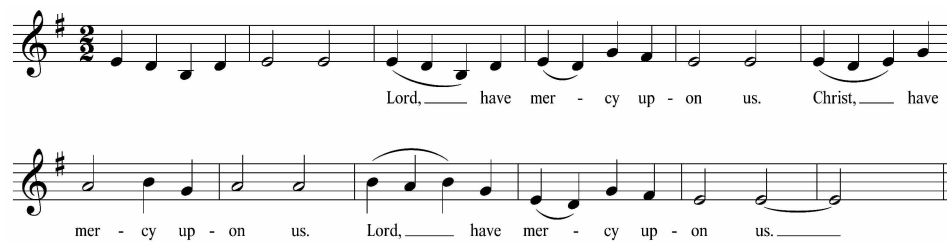
Lord, grant us your peace,
And instill in us such courage as will enable us to begin to make:

Hope visible,
Forgiving delightful,
Loving contagious,
Faith liberating,
Peace-making joyful,

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



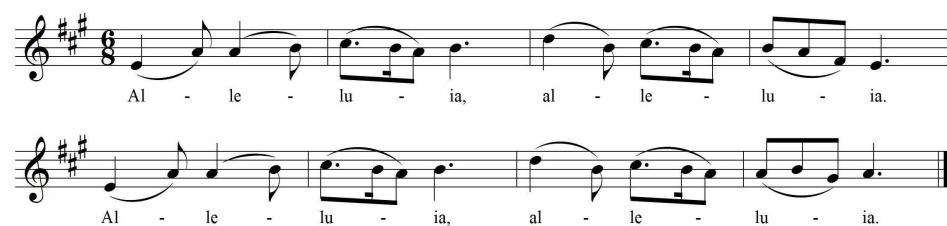
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Psalm 19

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Wanda Barber

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

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

SERMON

"The Story We Live By"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 722 (Glory to God hymnal) Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We believe in a bright and amazing God,
Who has been to the depths of despair on our behalf;
Who has risen in splendour and majesty;
Who decorates the universe with sparkling water, clear light,
Twinkling stars and sharp colours,
Over and over again.

We believe that Jesus is the light of the world;
That God believes in us, and trusts us,
Even though we make the same mistakes
Over and over again.

We commit ourselves to Jesus
To one another as siblings in Christ,
And to the Maker's business in the world.

God said: Let there be light.
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) Be Still, My Soul arr. Ham
(11:00) God, You Made All Things for Singing John Ferguson
by Harold Friedell

Congregation will stand and join choir in singing verse 3,
as shown on the bulletin insert.

*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

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. 697 (Glory to God hymnal) Take My Life

Hendon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

(9:00) Larghetto in F Major Mozart
(11:00) Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated Emma Lou Diemer

*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 adapted from *Guerrillas of Grace* by Ted Loder. Affirmation adapted from Helen Lambie in *50 Great Prayers from the Iona Community*, ed. Neil Paynter.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Chase Sands and Anna Van Beke

GREETERS: (11:00) Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

LITURGIST: Jacqui Whittemore

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Pianist, Mary Lou Holt

(11:00) Chancel Choir, Organist, Theresa Pepin

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Peter Tortorelli

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS: (9:00) Kathy Huck and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Joyce Ryan, Jaclyn Beeler, Michael Yates, Mike Kaufman and

Kathy Shilling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mike Kaufman in honor of Lisa Kaufman and her boys.

MUSIC NOTE This morning's anthem is set to Harold Friedel's hymn tune, UNION SEMINARY and the powerful, descriptive text by Thomas H. Troeger. Composer of the setting, John Ferguson, now retired, had a long, creative, impactful tenure as teacher, organist and composer at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minnesota. He says this about the setting: "At first hearing, this humble tune seems strange with such a strong text affirming the role of music in God's plan. Yet further reflection suggests this introspective tune is very appropriate when we remember that church music is a gift, a humble offering to God, not a self-serving, ego focused art." We are glad you will experience this offering as you stand and sing with us the last verse as printed on the bulletin insert. Alleluia!

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.

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 10:00am

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 TODAY 5-7 pm - We will be shopping for and packing care packages for our college students! We need a couple of parent drivers to help shuttle us to eat/shop then return to WPC for the packaging. These care packages mean so much to our college friends (especially those just starting out.) We hope you can come help! WE NEED 2 PARENT DRIVERS FOR THIS EVENT, please!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE Please let Barbara know if you are interested in attending the Presbytery Middle School Conference @ Camp John Knox. September 27-29. Cost is \$100, but we have scholarships to help with the cost. This is a great weekend retreat!!!!

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.

THE MEN'S CRAFTING THEOLOGY GROUP will meet **TONIGHT** at 6pm at Schulz Brau Brewing (126 Bernard Avenue). We will be discussing the recent Christian Century article, "The great man theory is poison for the church.": <https://www.christiancentury.org/voices/great-man-theory-poison-church>. Join us!

WINE AND THE WORD Calling all Gen X and Millennial women of the church! You are invited to our first "Wine and the Word" gathering of the season. Join us September 19 at 6:30pm in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion for a book basket exchange. Grab a favorite book and add it to a basket along with any items that are relevant to the book or your life while you read it. Ideas: food/drink mentioned, cozy socks, a bookmark- the sky's the limit! We will exchange baskets and everyone will go home with a new book to dive into. Text Allie with any questions (865)680-1079.

BEARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will gather in Cindy Spangler's backyard Sunday, September 22, 4-6pm. Rain location will be the Ruthie Cary Pavilion. Bring an appetizer to share --and a lawn chair! Special guest will be Richard Coble! For more info or to confirm attendance, email Cindy at spangler2@gmail.com.

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.

FALL PROGRAMMING

Dr. William Yoo

Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History at Columbia Theological Seminary

Dinner and Presentation: Saturday, September 21 at 6:00

"The Gospel Paradox: Abolitionism, Proslavery, and the Various Kinds of American Christianity"

In preparation for his talk at Westminster, Dr. Yoo has shared with us his most recent article published in the Presbyterian Outlook: "The case for Black racial repair in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)" You can find it at this URL:

<https://pres-outlook.org/2024/09/127388/>.

Dr. Yoo will be leading our worship at both services the next day, Sunday, Sept. 22.

CHRISTMAS PLAY CASTING SEPTEMBER 29! We'll be casting our Childrens' Christmas play on Sunday, September 29 right after the late service (12:15). Children and youth 1st to 12th grade are invited to come and read for a part (there's one for everyone!) This year, we will be presenting "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"-- the classic story of community and the spirit of giving and a Donkey's Christmas (a Children's nativity play about finding your voice.) There will be a make-up casting session on Monday, September 30 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM AND US (Tuesdays at 12p, Sept. 24-Oct. 29): 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 be reading *The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy* by Philip Gorski and Samuel Perry, along with using other supplementary readings and videos, which Richard will supply. Copies of *The Flag and the Cross* 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. Please read the book's introduction to prepare for our first class on Sept. 24.

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 McKeegan, Alice Mercer and Rick Oakes

125 YEARS YOUNG! YOU ARE INVITED!! Our friends at Emmanuel United Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to their 125th birthday cookout! On Saturday, September 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., they will be hosting a BBQ cook out! There will also be indoor and outdoor games, singing, and a bounce house+slide for the kids! Bring yourself, your appetite, and if you would like... bring a dessert to share. Emmanuel's address is 3023 Selma Avenue. Carpoolers - please notify WPC church office if you are interested in sharing a ride.

OKTOBERFEST 2024 Register and pay \$15/person (adults only) by calling the church office (865-584-3957) or sign up in the Schilling Gallery today!

Beer - Brats - Oompah Band-Games-Fun!

Sunday, September 29 from 5:00-8:00 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion

WPC HIKE The September hike in Big South Fork has been postponed till October 24. There will be no hike in September. Stay tuned for updates!

Commissioned in honor of Robert and Anne Stigall for 38 years of faithful ministry through music at Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

God, You Made All Things for Singing

John Ferguson

Based on *UNION SEMINARY*

by Harold Friedel, 1905-58

Thomas H. Troeger



Choir: 1. God, you made all things for sing - ing, e - ven
Choir: 2. As the clap and roll of thun - der give the
All: 3. Join with us in all our sing - ing. Make our



can - yons carved from stone. Thun - der
rocks their note to start, Spir - it,
mu - sic, Lord, your own. Be the



sets the hard rock ring - ing with the hymn the
free the songs of won - der wait - ing in the
bass note deep - ly ring - ing. Be the high - est



skies in - tone. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
thank - ful heart. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
o - ver - tone. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Yours the praise and yours a - lone.
lu - ia! Help each voice to sing its part.
lu - ia! Yours the praise and yours a - lone.

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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 15

12:15pm - Justice Knox (LKH)

1:00pm - Wombats Softball game

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

6:00pm - Crafting Theology

Tuesday, September 17

10:00am - Staff meeting

10:30am - Ladies Book Club

Wednesday, September 18

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 19

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:30pm - Wine and the Word

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

Saturday, September 21

6:00pm - Speaker Series: William Yoo

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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