



The Order of Worship September 22, 2024
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH 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) Amazing Grace arr. Ham
(11:00) Tintinnabulation George Schafer

CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

One: Beckon us, God
With your Word of welcome
With your strong, sure calling
All: Beckon us in the morning.
One: Challenge us, God
With your love and justice
With your truth and transformation
All: Challenge us in the noontide.
One: Keep us, God
With your saints and angels
With your friends and children
All: Keep us in the evening.
One: Cradle us, God
With your songs and stories
With your hope and healing
All: Cradle us till dawning.
One: Come! Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 475** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

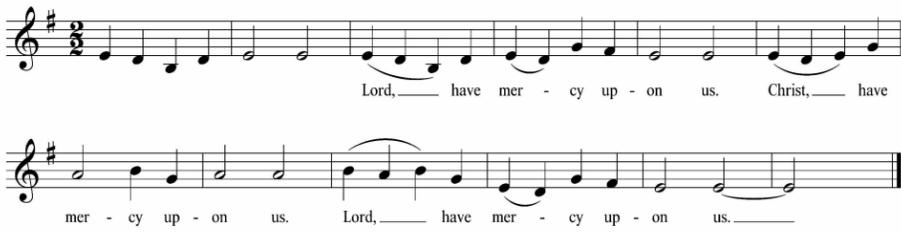
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION* (Unison)
Do not be afraid, Your angels proclaimed to those shaking shepherds, and You whisper the same to us, generation after generation. But disease ravages our world, heartbreak turns commonplace, and nameless grief settles deep in our bones. Is it any wonder we tremble so easily?

Remind us, Jesus, that You lay sleeping in the boat in the middle of the storm at sea. You are neither surprised nor distressed by the mounting chaos. You are not a God who panics.

Oh Christ, who defeated the sting of death upon the cross, be near and calm the sea within us with one word so that we may then comfort others with the same comfort You give to us. Out of Your loving-kindness You do not condemn our fear but rather call us into something far more magnificent: wild, glorious trust in the One who holds the whole world together. 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 Luke 4:14-21
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Boyd and Kathy Parsons
HYMN NO. 623 (*Glory to God* hymnal) I've Got Peace Like a River In My Soul Peace Like a River
(Congregation will remain seated and join in singing with the children as directed by Mary Boyd)
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON "For I, the Lord, Love Justice" Rev. Dr. William Yoo

***HYMN NO. 450** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Be Thou My Vision Slane

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* (Unison)

We believe in God, our Creator, maker of a universal community still in process; God, who created precious resources to provide for all; God, who created us to be connected as companions with God, the Earth, and people of every race, class, generation, sexual orientation, gender, and ability.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who was ridiculed, tortured and executed for the sins of humankind. He rose from the dead, overthrew the dominance of evil and injustice for our sake, and he continues to judge and liberate the hatred, ignorance, and arrogance of all human beings. We believe the way of Jesus is our way; our way of light, and our way of life.

We believe in the Spirit of God, our Advocate, whose blaze comforts with divine presence and challenges human hearts to burn for righteousness. We see the power of God in our lives and throughout the world. We trust that God's work, through our actions, can bring peace.

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) Andante in C Major Mozart
(11:00) O Worship the King Johann Michael Haydn
arr. Peggy A. Thompson

Handbells

***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. 69** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Here I Am

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Blessed Assurance arr. Vandall
(11:00) Carillon David Bedford

*Please stand in Body or Spirit
**Call to Worship adapted from Ruth Burgess of the Iona Community. Prayer of Confession adapted from Audrey Elledge and Elizabeth Moore, *Liturgies for Hope*. Affirmation of Faith by Brian K. Konkol in "Sojourners," sojo.net.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Gilbert and Richard Ward
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Jason Birdwell and Olivia Gibbons
GREETERS: (11:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and Wanda Barber
LITURGIST: Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Pianist, Mary Lou Holt;
(11:00) Organist, Theresa Pepin
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: William Milam
SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett
USHERS: (9:00) Ken Hughes and Casey Page
(11:00) Penny Tschantz, Linda Van Beke, Jay Schmid, Ron Alexander and Barbara Froula

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald in loving memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel.

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), Janice Jennings, 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 Grade - WAMS room.

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

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

YOUTH THIS SUNDAY Our WPC youth will be working with the Environmental Team to care for our Westminster campus this Sunday. We'll be prepping the garden, tending to our meadow, and working in the pollinator garden to make it irresistible to butterflies! We will end the evening with a yummy chicken tender dinner courtesy of Betty McKeehan!! We will meet from 5-7 p.m. See you there!

ABBEY DEADLINE is today at 5:00pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bandy.

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*

JUSTICE KNOX NEWS Listening session TODAY 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.

BEARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will gather in Cindy Spangler's backyard TODAY, 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.

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.

WESTVIEW ELEMENTARY We did such a great job of beautifying the West View Elementary campus by staining the exterior wood on one of the "temporary" classrooms that we set off a hoe and cry that we do another of the three. Sooo, we need volunteers on Wednesday, September 25 at 3:15pm. Stain, rags, and some paint brushes will be provided. If you bring your own brush make it a 2" or 3". This will be a great afternoon to work then go directly to church in your work clothes to prove your community effort and to eat dinner. If we get enough volunteers perhaps we can start the third building and continue our fun fellowship by finishing up on Thursday afternoon. See Charles Van Beke with any questions.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP GROUP is pleased to welcome Tracey Williams, CEO of the Volunteer Ministry Center as our guest speaker Thursday September 26th. Her presentation will be VMC - The Next Chapter, which was built on years of faithful support from hundreds of dedicated volunteers. Tracey was in the United States Air Force for ten years and has spent the last 25 years helping to grow non-profits. We know that many of you in the Westminster family have been among those volunteers. So, while this is the Men's Group, we wish to extend a welcome to one and all to join us on the 26th at 8:30 am to meet the new CEO of VMC, Tracey Williams. Phil Barnette will provide breakfast. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Ibbie Muntz, Interim Director of Music

Allie Brewington, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

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

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.

OKTOBERFEST 2024 Call the church office (865-584-3957) and reserve your spot while there are still spaces left! Register and pay \$15/person (adults only).

Beer - Brats - Oompah Band-Games-Fun!

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

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 22

12:15pm - Justice Knox (LKH)

12:15pm - Session Meeting

4:00pm - Bearden Neighborhood Group

4:00pm - Wombats Softball game

5:00pm - *Abbey* Deadline

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

Tuesday, September 24

10:00am - Staff meeting

12:00pm - Class: Christian Nationalism

Wednesday, September 25

4:30pm - Companions

5:30pm - Wednesday's at Westminster

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 26

8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

Saturday, September 28

4:00pm - Emmanuel Presbyterian 125th celebration