

The Order of Worship

**November 3, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

ALL SAINTS 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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

(9:00) How Can I Keep From Singing?

Robert Lowry

arr. Sally DeFord and James Loynes

(11:00) Shall We Gather at the River

Alec Wyton

CALL TO WORSHIP **

Rev. Gradye Parsons

One: Enter God's presence,
you who yearn for the day
when death is no more.

All: From age to age, God is with us.

One: Enter God's presence,
you who are filled with hope
and you who find it hard to hope.

**All: From age to age, God is with us.
Let us worship the Lord.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 1** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

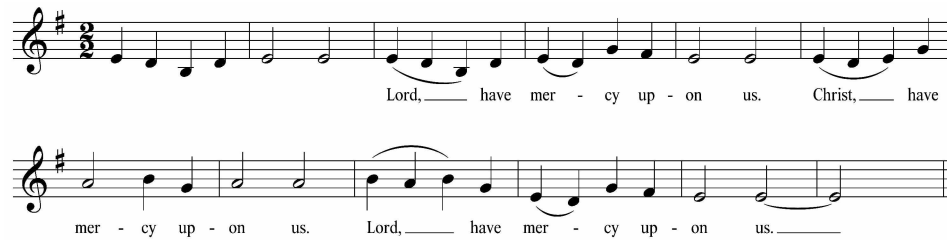
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Tender God: We confess that we have forgotten what it means to feel fully. We have demeaned sadness as a lesser emotion, wielding it against those who are attuned to their pain and the pain of the world in a way we all should be. We have exalted toxic positivity over complicated emotions, often rushing toward quick solutions and trite words of consolation instead of pausing to truly let suffering speak. Forgive us, God. Have mercy on all who dare to weep, who listen and heed the cries of the world. Forgive those who have forgotten how to lament, and grant that our souls might be moved at last, protected from despair on the journey. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

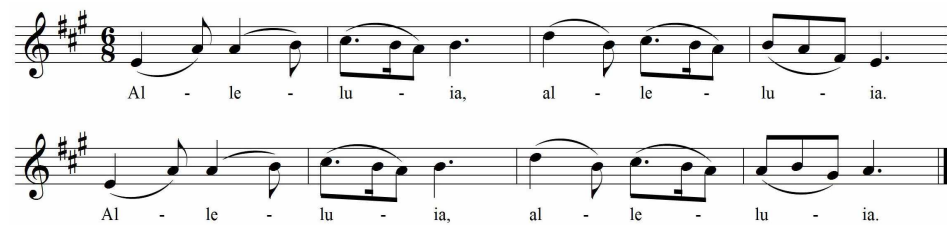
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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 ...

ANTHEM (11:00) Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart

Rene Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart; as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart; as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Song of Solomon 8:6

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Julia Whipple

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:1-18

SERMON

"Where you go..."

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 833** (*Glory to God* Hymnal) O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP (9:00) Connie Graham; (11:00) Amanda Fox

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) I'll Fly Away

Albert F. Brumley

arr. Gabriella Marie

Verse 4 (congregation sing)

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away

To a home on God's celestial shore. I'll fly away.

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away, when I die

Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

(11:00) The Unclouded Day

Rev. Joshia K. Alwood, 1823-1909

arr. Garry A. Cornell, ASCAP

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies; O they tell me of a home far away.
O they tell me of a home when no storm clouds rise. O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone. O they tell me of a land far away where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance thru the unclouded day.

O they tell me of the King in his beauty there, and they tell me that my eyes shall behold
where he sits on the throne that is whiter than snow in the city that is made of gold.

O they tell me that he smiles on his children there, and his smiles drive their sorrow all away. And they tell me that no tears ever come again in that lovely land of unclouded day.

***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

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

*Kenny Baker, Sara Cantrell, Shirley Draper, Sharon Evers,
Chip Herzog, Dagmar Krall, Leonard McKeegan, John Shilling*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Barbara Adamcik

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: Creator God... forever sing to the glory of your name.

Many: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: ...we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

All pre-cut bread is gluten free.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

(9:00) Aria in d minor

J.S. Bach

(11:00) Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Ball

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND LORD’S PRAYER

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 326** (*Glory to God* Hymnal) For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Prelude in c minor

Frederic Chopin

(11:00) Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*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 Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Ken Hughes
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) McKenzie Damron and Sirah Smith

GREETERS: (11:00) Jan Gross and Bitsy Ingram

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Pianist - Mary Lou Holt, Treble Choir;
(11:00) Organist - Theresa Pepin, Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Reed Ellis and Kathy Huck

(11:00) John Salsbery, Michael Yates, Penny Tschantz, Shirley Wittman and Brenda Seip

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Melissa Noland Everett in loving memory of her father, Mark Noland.

MUSIC NOTES

Set Me as a Seal: Rene Clausen was conductor of the Concordia College Choir in Minnesota for 34 years. At a time of deep personal tragedy, he was led to Song of Solomon: 8:6: *I just sat down and wrote the piece. I don’t know what is wrapped up inside these few simple notes. I am struck by the phrase "for love is strong as death," because my actual feeling was just that. Abiding, all-encompassing love absorbs even the pain of death... the simple but powerful conviction of permanent love that seeks to overflow the boundary between life and death.*

The Unclouded Day: Inspired by a vision in the night sky while riding home on horseback, Josiah K. Alwood, a circuit rider preacher ordained by the United Brethren of Christ, penned both tune and text of this gospel hymn in 1879. He describes a "rainbow at midnight and song with morning which filled him with sweet melody."

STEWARDSHIP SEASON Stewardship Campaign continues with Dedication Sunday coming up Nov 17th. Please refer to the Stewardship packet you should have received in the mail several days ago for more information about ways to pledge. If you did not receive a packet contact the church office. Please prayerfully consider your pledge commitment to WPC for the 2025 budget year.



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, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann’s niece), Janice Jennings, Salma Alami, Melinda Foster, Becky and Cathy Cagle (Gloria Borum’s best friend).

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 - Sunday School for children thru 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 10:00am
WAMS (Westminster’s 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 TODAY This Sunday, November 3, our youth will be going to Courtney Manrod’s farm (Katie and Frank’s grandmother) to have a bonfire and a All-Saints Vesper service! We'll also be roasting hot dogs and making s'mores. Courtney even has a cute little chapel on her farm! You can either meet us:
1. At church by 4:30pm. - Then we'll drive to Hardin Valley, or
2. Meet at the Hardin Valley Food City (11501 Hardin Valley Rd.) by 4:50 p.m.
We will finish our bonfire by 6:30pm and return to Food City by 6:45 or return to the church parking lot by 7:15pm.

MUSIC AT WESTMINSTER Westminster has several ways for folks of all ages to get involved with the music ministry. This is a great time to join the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and we begin rehearsing Advent and Christmas music this week! We are also offering a five-week Treble Choir for treble treble singers aged 8-18 (girls and boys whose voices have not changed) to learn Christmas anthems and sing for church on December 22. This group will meet five Wednesdays beginning Nov. 13 from 5:00-6:15. Dinner will be served at 6:15 with pick-up at 6:45. We are also looking for volunteers (non-singers are welcome!) to help us out in the Choir Library. For more information, please contact Music Director & Organist Edie Johnson, edie@wpcknox.org.

SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICE We will hold a brief election night communion service on Tuesday, November 5 at 5:00. This will be a time for us to support one another; remember God’s promises; and to hear God’s call for us to be agents of love, reconciliation, and justice in all that comes next. We hope you will join us. Childcare available.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CRAFTSPEOPLE! We need more donations for our Alternative Christmas bazaar on December 1, please! We have chosen the Montreat Youth Program/Center for our Charity! It surely will need help after Hurricane Helene! Please call or text Jacqueline Whittemore (865)323-8021 or Kathryn Oakes (865)414-1564.

NORRIS LAKE BREAKFAST Don't forget to sign up for the breakfast on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery or the one in the hallway near the kitchen. Carpooling is encouraged, especially if we have a lot of folks (and we hope we do) to sign up. Our veteran cooking crew is looking over their recipes and getting their pots, pans, grills, and utensils primed and ready for this country breakfast extravaganza, so start dreaming about Saturday morning, November 16. Cindy Spangler wants to gather any hikers to join her on a hike after breakfast. All you gotta do is bring your hiking shoes and a hiking stick! RSVP by November 10.

CONGREGATION ART PROJECT We are beginning an art project that will hang in the sanctuary Dec 24-Epiphany. If you have a steady hand and enjoy tracing, we need your help Nov. 12 beginning at 10:00 am. We will be projecting the geometric design onto fabric, tracing it to our preferred scale, then later in the month, we will add color. Think, “Paint by Numbers.” Please contact Melissa Everett, 828-734-0451 if you are interested.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE
Sunday, November 3
12:15pm - Youth Drama practice
5:00pm - Youth bonfire and All Saints
Abbey deadline
Tuesday, November 5
10:00am - Staff meeting and lunch
5:00pm - Election Day Service
Wednesday, November 6
4:30pm - Companions
7:00pm - Chancel Choir
Thursday, November 7
10:30am - Women’s Bible Study
4:30pm - Brass Choir
7:00pm - Handbell Choir