



The Order of Worship

November 10, 2024

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Time and Talent Sunday

TWENTY FIFTH 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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)\*\* Michael Yates

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: **Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.**

One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: **Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.**

One: In the bread and the cup, the Savior's table nourishes everyone.

All: **Seek us out, O God, and bring us to your table.**

One: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

All: **Let us come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 641 (*Glory to God* hymnal) When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Engelberg

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible,

Not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

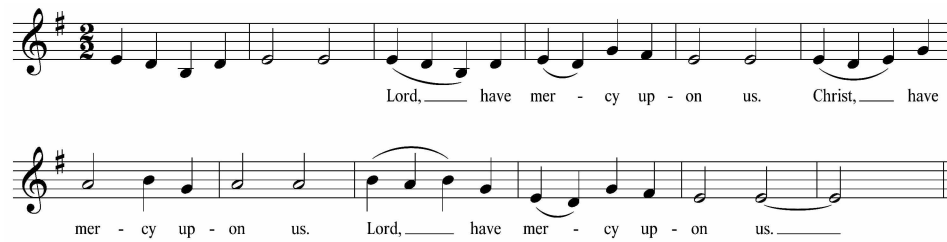
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

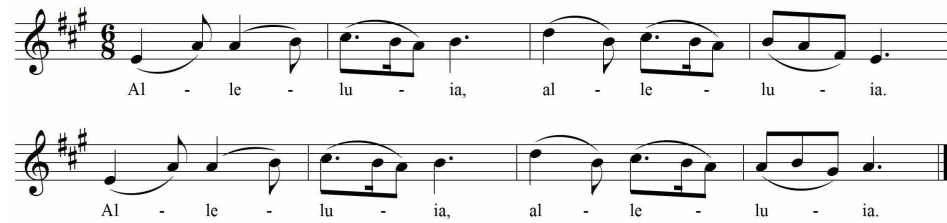
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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 146

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-17

SERMON

"The Vine and the Gap"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

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

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Redeemer, and to the Sustainer. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP (9:00) Vicki Mayfield; (11:00) Kathleen Farnham

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) Adagio from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

(11:00) Fight the Good Fight

John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. His boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: His arms are near. He changeth not, and thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Text by John S.B. Monsell

\*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. 372 (*Glory to God* hymnal) O For a World

Azmon

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Allegro assai vivace from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Call to Worship from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies*. Ed. Kimberly Bracken Long.

Prayer of Confession from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.'

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Emily Gustafson and Lee Ingram

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER:** Lana Daverman and Susan

McKeehan

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Nolan Oros and Eli Everett

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Pat Herzog and Bonny Naugher

**LITURGIST:** Michael Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Anderson Collins

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:** (9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) Jay Schmid, Linda Van Beke, Ron Alexander, Jaclyn Beeler, Melissa

Everett

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Andrew and Kristi Gordon in loving memory of their parents.

**MUSIC NOTES** Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, sister to the famous composer Felix Mendelssohn, was an accomplished and prolific composer in her own right, with over 400 pieces to her name. Mendelssohn Hensel composed the Prelude in G Major, played as today’s prelude, as the recessional for her own wedding, the night before she got married - in the midst of dinner guests! Her brother Felix was supposed to provide music for the service, but he had been injured in a carriage accident and was not able to attend the nuptials. Movements from Felix Mendelssohn’s Sonata I are also included in today’s service. Mendelssohn composed six “sonatas” for organ; however, none of them are in the Classical sonata form. They are more groupings or suites of pieces joined together. The Adagio is a very lyrical “song without words” and the Allegro is a virtuosic, pianistic movement.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**During 11:00 Hour** - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children’s Church for children preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> 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)** - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - WAMS room.

**Confirmation Class** - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster)** - 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades - SHOW room.

**WELCOME EDIE** Come by the Schilling Gallery immediately after the 11:00am worship service on November 10 to welcome our new Music Director and Organist - Dr. Edie Johnson. You can also enjoy a fresh glass of lemonade and some yummy cookies provided by members involved in our music ministry. We are blessed to have you, Edie!

**STEWARDSHIP TIME & TALENT DAY** As we continue with Stewardship season, thanks to all of who have pledged your financial support for 2025. However, your Time & Talents are equally as important in the life & mission of our church. Please fill out the Time & Talent form in your bulletin today & drop it in the baskets in the Narthex before you leave. Pledge cards can be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church office or scan the QR code for online pledging. We appreciate all of you & your many gifts!



**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet on Thursday, November 14, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Andrew MacDonald, who will present a program on Justice Knox. Our breakfast will be prepared by Buz Johnson. Come join us for a thought-provoking program and a delicious breakfast and bring a friend or a new member. We hope to see you there.

**NORRIS LAKE BREAKFAST** Today is the last day to RSVP for the Breakfast On the Lake, Saturday morning, November 16 at 9am. There is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery or the one in the hallway near the kitchen. So far we have 46 people signed up! Carpooling is encouraged. 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!

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be available in the Schilling Gallery after both worship services on Sunday, November 17.



**WPC KIDS - FAMILY FRIENDSGIVING** All families of kids 0-5th grade (and older siblings too!) are invited to a potluck Friendsgiving! Join us Sunday 11/17 at 5:00pm at the home of Allie and Steven Brewington (4412 Kingston Pike). Please bring a side or snack to share and whatever you like to drink. We are looking forward to a night of fellowship and fun! Please RSVP to Allie at (865)680-1079.

**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 1:00 pm. 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. Sign-up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48ABA62AA1FCC52-52955849-wpcart#/>

**MUSIC AT WESTMINSTER** Do you have a child who enjoys music and loves to sing? We would love to have them sing with the Treble Choir! This is a five-week opportunity for treble singers aged 8-18 (girls and boys whose voices have not changed) to learn Christmas anthems and sing for church on December 22 at the 11:00 am service.

This group will meet five Wednesdays: Nov. 13, 20 and Dec. 4, 11, and 18 from 5:00-6:15. Dinner will be served at 6:15 with pick-up at 6:45. Even if your child is not able to make a commitment this fall, but is interested in a future choir opportunity, please fill out the sign-up sheet and let us know your regular rehearsal preference. Please click this link for the form: <https://forms.gle/1p9PhLqsJa8RGUVb9> Contact Music Director and Organist Edie Johnson, [edie@wpcknox.org](mailto:edie@wpcknox.org) for more information.

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Rev. Dr. Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Gradye Parsons, Parish Associate

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Dr. Edie Johnson, Music Director and Organist

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, November 10**

12:15pm - Youth Drama practice

5:00pm - Youth Downtown Encounter

**Tuesday, November 12**

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

(snack provided by Worship, Music & Arts)

**Wednesday, November 13**

4:30pm - Companions

5:00pm - Treble Choir

6:30pm - Sectionals - LKH

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, November 14**

8:30am -Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

1:00pm - FISH ministry

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

**Saturday, November 16**

9:00am - Breakfast on the Lake

**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

**TRUSTEES**

Alice Mercer

John Smartt

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