



The Order of Worship

November 17, 2024
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.
Dedication Sunday

TWENTY-SIXTH 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) Adoration Florence Price
 (11:00) Simple Gifts Traditional Shaker Tune
arr. Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jean Bonnyman

One: Whether we are sure of God’s work in the world or still waiting for a sign,
All: let us worship the Lord, encouraging one another in hope.
 One: Whether we are confident in what the future will bring or carry more questions than answers,
All: let us worship the Lord, strengthening one another in faith.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 41** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

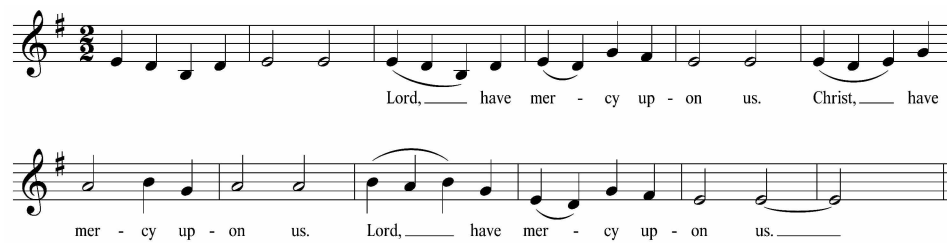
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God who sees: Look at us, your church, hiding behind closed doors, afraid of change, anxious that even our embers will be quenched. The world’s winds have taken our breath away; we’re lost for words to tell our faith. Come, Holy Spirit, kindle a spark in every soul, cauterize our wounds, loosen our tongues, warm our hearts, and – with our help – make a cheerful bonfire of all that we do not need. Change us, and then, in us, light fires of love that will transform the world. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



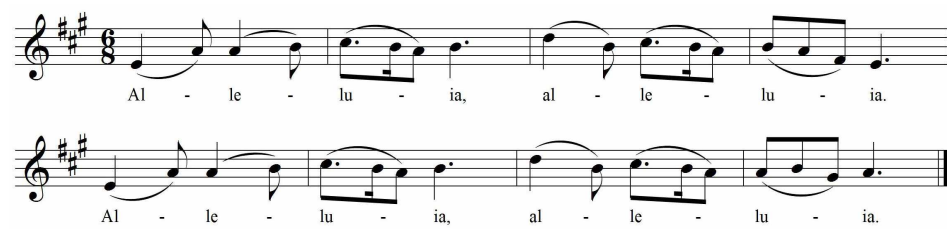
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

1 Samuel 1:4-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Allie Brewington

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

SERMON

“All Things New”

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 840** (*Glory to God* hymnal) When Peace like a River

Ville du Havre

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (*The Immigrants Creed* by José Luis Casal)

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger. When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death. But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God’s kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God’s kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

I believe that the Church is the secure home for foreigners and for all believers. I believe that the communion of saints begins when we embrace all God’s people in all their diversity. I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God, and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner but all will be citizens of the kingdom where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP (9:00) Dan Berry; (11:00) Chris Freeman

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) Simple Gifts

Traditional Shaker Tune
arr. Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

(11:00) Behold, the Tabernacle of God

William Harris

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all,
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.
For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.
For the love of whom you do this day
celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.*

***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. 357** (*Glory to God* hymnal) The Days Are Surely Coming

Llangloffan

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Toccato from *Suite for Organ*

Florence Price

*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 Jan Sutch Pickard and the Iona Community. José Luis Casal, the author of our Affirmation of Faith, is a retired PCUSA Teaching Elder and the former director of Presbyterian World Mission.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Gilbert and Stephen Fortney
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) Elinor Collins and Cecilia Collins

GREETERS: (11:00) Buz and Lucy Johnson

LITURGIST: Jean Bonnyman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Handbells and Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Dan Collins

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Suzanne Graham and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Janet Drumm

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jaclyn and Katherine Beeler in memory of their sweet baby boy, Brooks Henderson Beeler.

MUSICAL NOTE The composer of today’s 9:00 Prelude and the Postlude for both services was a child prodigy from Little Rock, Arkansas who lived 1887-1953.

Florence Price composed more than three hundred works for organ, orchestra, voice, piano, and chamber ensembles. She wrote in a romantic style that was influenced by spirituals and folk elements. Her prize-winning *Symphony in E Minor*, premiered in 1933 by the Chicago symphony, was the first orchestral composition by an African-American female composer performed by a significant American orchestra.

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 dear friends).

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 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 (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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be available in the Schilling Gallery after both worship services **TODAY**.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY Today we celebrate our commitment to WPC for the 2025 year as we offer our pledges of gifts and talents for the glory of God. If you have not already done so, please turn in your pledge cards today or scan the QR code to make a secure on-line pledge. There are extra pledge cards in the pews if needed. Time & Talent forms were distributed in church last Sunday, but there are extras on the tables in the Narthex. Please fill one out letting us know your areas of interest & place in the basket before leaving today.



WPC KIDS - FAMILY FRIENDSGIVING All families of kids 0-5th grade (and older siblings too!) are invited to a potluck Friendsgiving! Join us TONIGHT 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.

LADIES’ BOOK CLUB The final book for this year will be discussed on November 19, *THE WOMEN* by Kristin Hannah led by Pat Herzog. We are planning to go out for lunch afterward. Please bring ideas for books to discuss next year. We meet at 10:30am in the library. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books are invited to join us. Contact Linda Rutherford for further information at (865)384-3435.

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.

WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP from WPC will meet at the Buckingham Clubhouse, 7303 Manderly Way on Sunday, December 1, 2024 from 5:30-7:30 pm. All members and friends who live in the 37909 zip code are invited to attend. Bring an appetizer to share and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Gail Bruner (865)363-6222 or Anne Crais (865)360-9008.

Advent Opportunities SAVE-the Date

November 30 - Flowerguild begins adorning Sanctuary each Saturday at 10am.

Join the Guild!

December 1 - Alternative Christmas Bazaar

December 3 - Christmas Craft Night - 5pm

December 6 - Crafting Theology and The Wine and the Word Christmas Party

December 15 - Christmas Youth Drama

December 18 - Grace Filled Christmas at Ascension with WPC

- Knox Youth Jazz Concert - LKH

December 22 - Service of Lessons and Carols 11:00am

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services 5:00 & 8:00pm

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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

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 17

12:15pm - Youth Drama practice

5:00pm - Friendsgiving

5:00pm - Youth Fellowship

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, November 19

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Ladies’ Book Club

Wednesday, November 20

4:30pm - Companions

5:00pm - Treble Choir

6:30pm - Sectionals - LKH

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 21

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir



It is that time of year to prepare new Usher, Greeter and Shepherd schedules!! We would love to have new, current, as well as previously experienced folks be involved in this important part of our Sunday morning worship services. You can let me know which service you are available (9 and/or 11) and how many Sundays you would like to volunteer, 1-10+ days/year.

Shepherds serve during the 11:00 service. You help keep an eye out and help ensure the safety of our congregants during worship. This includes supervising parking lots/front patio areas of church, securing all exterior doors and roaming the church during worship.

Greeters serve during the 11:00 service. You will be greeting all who arrive and assist newcomers in any way possible, and help the ushers as needed.

Ushers serve either at the 9am and 11am - You help seat guests and congregants, pass out bulletins, pass offering plates, provide listening devices, pick up all Friendship pad sheets and given to the senior usher to be taken to the office with the offering.

If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities in the coming year, please contact, Joanna (joanna@wpcknox.org) in the Church office.