



The Order of Worship

November 24, 2024
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 Jesus Christ Returns as King Max Drischner
CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Parsons

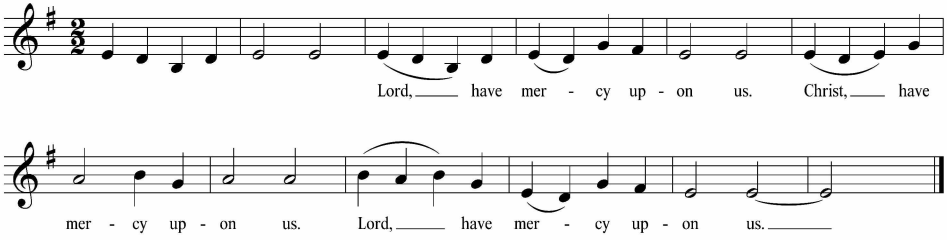
One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
 One: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;
All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
 One: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name.
All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 409 (Glory to God hymnal) God Is Here! Abbot's Leigh

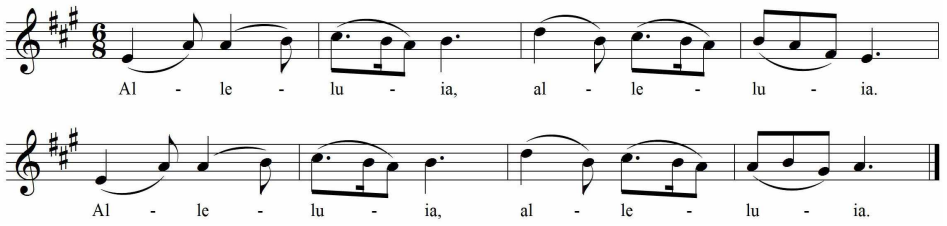
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
Our Savior and Leader,
You who rule over all of us with justice and care,
We your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule,
That we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity,
That we have not followed the example you set forth.
Lead us, Christ our Sovereign,
And set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do. 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 93
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 Revelation 1:1-8
SERMON "Trusting the Great Big Story" Rev. Gradye Parsons
***HYMN NO. 37** (Glory to God hymnal) Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)**

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.
We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God's gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth's resources.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

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) Voluntary on For the Beauty of the Earth arr. John Leavitt
 (11:00) Rejoice the Lord is King Malcolm Archer
 Text by Charles Wesley

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore. *Refrain:* Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love; When He had purged our stains, He took his seat above; *Refrain.*

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain.*

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit, and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain.*

Chancel Choir
***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. 367** (Glory to God hymnal) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *St. George's Windsor*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***POSTLUDE** Now Thank We All Our God Egil Hovland

*Please stand in Body or Spirit
 **Drawn from a statement from 15th World Methodist Council, Nairobi, Kenya, 1986

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Barbara Froula and Richard Ward
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Marguerite MacDonald and Sirah Smith

GREETERS: (11:00) Judy Jordan and Nancy Lowe

LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Darlen Milam, Shawn and David Owens, Barbara Froula, LoAnn Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Charlie and Alice Mercer with thankfulness for their 47th wedding anniversary.

MUSICAL NOTES The music in today’s services comes from a variety of countries and time periods. Both the prelude and postlude are based on German chorale melodies composed in the 1600s. The composer of today’s prelude, Max Drischner, (1891-1971) was an organist, harpsichordist, and choral director who was strongly influenced by Johann Sebastian Bach and served both Lutheran and Catholic churches in Germany. This morning’s postlude was composed by Egil Hovland (1924-2013), a Norwegian composer who was considered one of Norway’s leading church musicians during his career. Today’s energetic setting of *Rejoice, the Lord is King* was written by Malcolm Archer, a prolific British composer who previously served St. Paul’s Cathedral and has had more than 250 compositions published.

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.

YOUTH TODAY 2:00-4:00pm Caroling and Crafting with senior friends at Morning Pointe Memory Care!! We're going for a surprise snack after the caroling. We hope you can make it!!

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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT Please mark your calendars for Christmas Craft Night on Tuesday, December 3 from 5:00-7:00pm! This beloved church tradition is a great way to kick off the season for everyone 1-101. A potluck dinner will begin at 5 in the McKinnon Room, then everyone is welcome to work on crafts in the Schilling Gallery. Stop by anytime before we clean up crafts up at 7:00pm.

DEEP ROOTS-ENDLESS BRANCHES: SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Westminster has received 147 pledges to date with a total of \$848,208.00

The proposed Operating Budget from the Ministry Teams totals \$1,120,000

We hope if you haven't had the opportunity to do so - you can still turn in your

pledge either by clicking on the link below, mailing a pledge card in that was sent by

the Stewardship Committee, or pick up a pledge card the next time you are at

Westminster. With everyone's support - we can achieve our proposed budget.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged!

Advent Opportunities SAVE-the Date

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

December 1 - Alternative Christmas Bazaar

December 3 - Christmas Craft Night - 5pm

December 6 - Crafting Theology & The Wine and the Word Christmas Party, 6:00pm

December 15 - Christmas Youth Drama, 6:00pm

December 18 - Grace Filled Christmas at Ascension with WPC, 6:00pm

December 18 - Knox Youth Jazz Concert - LKH, 6:00pm

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

December 22 - Carol Sing Along (Lunch provided by Connections Team) LKH, Noon

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



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/or11) 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.

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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

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, November 24

12:15pm - Youth Drama practice

12:15pm - Session Meeting

2:00pm - Youth Fellowship

Monday, November 25

11:00am - Yoga (LL Room2)

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Tuesday, November 26

10:00am - Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 28 - Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

10:00am - Decorate for Advent

11:00am - Yoga (LL Room 2)

Sunday, December 1

10:00am - Alternative Christmas Bazaar

12:15pm - Youth Drama practice

3:30pm - Brass Choir

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

5:30pm - West Hills NG meeting

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

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

Class of 2027

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

TRUSTEES

Alice Mercer

John Smartt

Larry Tragesser