



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship November 17, 2013  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**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.*

*Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.*

*When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.*

**PRELUDE** Canzona Franz Tunder

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 12:5-6

**Leader:** Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.

**People:** **Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

**Leader:** Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

**People:** **Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.**

**ALL:** **Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Gracious God, whose love is unfailing and whose mercies are new every morning, in this sacred place hallowed for us by your presence, we lift up our souls. Grant to each one of us what you have made us to long for – cleansing from selfishness and sin, release from anxiety and fear, a life graced with goodness and saved from futility by its devotion to others and to you. With humble hearts we ask you to bless us with the gift of a fresh start. Let our forgiven lives declare your praise by all that we are and do. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the Good News!

**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Isaiah 65:17-25

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Bob Adamcik

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 21:5-19

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“F.E.A.R. is Forgetting Everything’s All Right”

**\*HYMN NO. 293** (blue hymnal) This Is My Father’s World *Terra beata*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)  
*from A Declaration of Faith, Presbyterian Church USA*

**The people of God have often misused God’s promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

**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.*

**THE OFFERING**

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.*

*Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, 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) Sanctus Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Isaiah 6:3

(11:00) I Will Arise arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw  
I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above, Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) Traditional  
*Old Hundredth*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 428** (blue hymnal) (11:00) We Give Thee but Thine Own *Schumann*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue in d Johann Pachelbel

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Mary Boyd and Jerry Faerber

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER:** Linda Rutherford

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

**PLEASE** place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Emma Adamcik and Clara Oakes

**GREETERS** (11:00): Bob and Lana Daverman

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Robert and Leslie James, Eva and Frances James

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Hap McSween

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Don and Connie Graham

(11:00) Joe Ben Turner, Joanne White, Scott Porter, Tom and Georgann Byerley

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children's education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Paula Hogan in memory of Ronald DeCamp and in honor of Irene DeCamp.

**THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE** is by the North German organist and composer Franz Tunder, Dieterich Buxtehude's predecessor at the Marienkirche in Lübeck. Similar to Buxtehude's canzonas, this piece also begins in duple meter, changing to triple in the last section.

**LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on November 21<sup>st</sup> at The Brasserie (9430 S. Northshore, just east of Pellissippi) at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to Georgann Byerley. Hope to see you there!

**THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** meets Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

**THE LADIES' BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the library for a discussion of *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan.

**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays**  
**November 19 – Noon**

This week, we will discuss Chapter 9 of the Gospel of John and pages 55-63 in the study guide. Join us in the McKinnon Room at noon, and feel free to bring your lunch.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER**

**November 20**

**5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner**

Our menu this week is chili, salad, bread and dessert. Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the meal.

**6:30-7:30 p.m. - Programs**

- There is a nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- In the Fellowship Hall, William Milam will present a program on the upcoming mission trip to Haiti which we are doing with Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian on February 22-March 1.
- New Testament Study - Library
- Companions in Christ - Prayer Room
- Youth - Dgroup

**Alternative Christmas Bazaar**

**Sunday, November 24**

Westminster's annual Alternative Gift Bazaar, sponsored by the Mission Team, will take place this year on Sunday, November 24. Some (but not all) of the items available for sale will include: olive oil from Palestine; portions of various critters from Heifer International (don't worry, you don't have to take them home with you!); Christmas cards to benefit hungry families right here in Knoxville; and handcrafted, quilted potholders made by our very own Robin Greeson, an annual favorite.

The bazaar will be open between worship services, and after the 11:00 service, so bring your Christmas list to church next Sunday. The gifts you purchase will be a double blessing; first to the ones who benefit from the sale, and second to the recipients being honored by the gift.

**THE 2013 PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG** is among the offerings to be included at Westminster's annual Alternative Gift Bazaar on Sunday, November 24. You can support the Presbyterian Mission Agency by purchasing farming and water system equipment, contributing toward educational supplies and scholarships, or donating funds for relief efforts and related emergency kits and tools. Printed catalogs will be available at the Bazaar; the online catalog is available at <https://presbyteriangifts.org/> if you want to shop early.

**PALESTINIAN OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL** has arrived and is available for purchase. The cost is \$14 per bottle or \$156 for a case of 12 bottles. The proceeds from the sale of the oil go to agricultural cooperatives in Palestine and the replanting of orchards destroyed by the Occupation of the West Bank. The oil will be sold at the Alternative Christmas Bazaar on November 24<sup>th</sup>. To place an order, please contact Anne Dungan at 865-691-7897 or by email at [agdungan@comcast.net](mailto:agdungan@comcast.net).

**Schilling Gallery Offers New Exhibits through December**

Please stop by the Schilling Gallery to enjoy the new exhibit on display through December.

To help us all remember the true meaning of Christmas, the glass cases are filled with nativities, most of which belong to WPC members. These nativities come from countries around that world and many of them are handmade.

The quilt display is the work of Ellen Anderson and Robin Greeson. Ellen is a traditionalist who hand quilts and incorporates her family's clothing in her work. Robin's art quilts are machine quilted and inspired by stained glass windows. In this exhibit, you'll find a "shared effort" piece which was mostly pieced and sewn by Robin and decoratively machine quilted by Ellen.

Look for more detail about the exhibit, the artists, and their inspirations in the next edition of the *Abbey*.

**LECONTE 2014:** It's time to register for the July 26, 2014 LeConte hike. A deposit of \$50 is required for each hiker, with the balance due at the time of the hike. The total cost of \$132 covers dinner on Saturday night, lodging, and breakfast on Sunday.

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**Adult Sunday School**

**Bible Study** (McKinnon Room)

**September 15 - December 15**

Dr. Phillip Sherman of the Religion Department at Maryville College will talk about interpretations of the Tower of Babel story in Genesis. He wrote his dissertation about Jewish, Christian and Islamic interpretations of the Tower of Babel story.

**Faith and Life** (Fellowship Hall)

Great Women of the Old Testament

**November 3-17**

In this 3 part DVD and discussion series, Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University takes a look at Esther, Deborah, Sarah, and Hagar.

Christmas Gifts That Won't Break

**November 24 - December 15**

This study focuses on four of those unbreakable gifts that also coincide with the four outer candles of the traditional Advent wreath: hope, love, joy and peace.

**THE SESSION and TRUSTEES**

**Class of 2014:** Terry Crow, Angela Partelow, Tim Ryan, Cindy Spangler, Bill Wiesehuegel; Youth Elder: Will Bendy; Trustee: Norman McRae

**Class of 2015:** Ellen Anderson, Jean Bonnyman, Hap McSween, Rick Oakes, Jack Woodall; Trustee: Joe Ben Turner

**Class of 2016:** Mary Boyd, Jerry Faerber, Vicki Mayfield, Scott Porter, Elizabeth Ridley; Trustee: John Smartt