



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 12, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

In worship, we draw near to the Lord, acknowledging that God is already with us, but our busy and often fragmented lives get in the way of our ability to pay attention. You are invited to let go of preoccupying thoughts and center yourself in the awareness of God’s presence with us... Let us draw near to the Lord as we worship together.

PRELUDE Psalm-Prelude, Set One, Op. 32, No. 2 Herbert Howells
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship Bryan and Rachel Powell
CALL TO WORSHIP Philippians 4:4

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! *(Softly)*
People: Again I will say, Rejoice!
 Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! *(Normal Volume)*
People: Again I will say, Rejoice!
 Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! *(Loudly)*
People: Again I will say, Rejoice!
 Leader: Let us worship God together!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (blue hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *St. Denio*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***LITANY OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
 Leader: Gracious God: When we treat your good creation as an object rather than a gift
People: Forgive us, and make us whole.
 Leader: When we treat others in a manner unworthy of disciples of Jesus Christ
People: Forgive us, and make us whole.
 Leader: When we treat ourselves as less than children of God
People: Forgive us, and make us whole.
 Leader: When we fail to speak up and speak out for those who have no voice
People: Forgive us, and make us whole.
 Leader: When we stumble and fall
People: Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us.
***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 Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:1-14
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Boyd
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

ANTHEM Acquaint Now Thyself with Him Michael Head
 Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace; Thereby good shall come unto thee. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill, For the Lord our God is holy. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Fear before Him all the earth. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Bring an offering, and come unto His courts. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the most high God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? He hath showed thee O man what is good And what doth the Lord require of thee, But to do justly, and to love mercy And to walk humbly with thy God.
 adapted by Denice Koch from Job 22, Psalms 96 and 99, and Micah 6
 Daniel Berry, Bass

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9
SERMON “Religiality vs. Spireligionized” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
***HYMN NO. 298** (blue hymnal) There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy *In Babilone*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12
 Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
 Blessed are the sorrowful,
 for they will be comforted.
 Blessed are those of a gentle spirit,
 for they will inherit the earth.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to see right prevail,
 for they will be filled.
 Blessed are those who show mercy,
 for mercy will be shown to them.
 Blessed are those whose hearts are pure,
 for they will see God.
 Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.
 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the cause of right,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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 I Don’t Feel No-Ways Tired African-American spiritual
 arr. Harry T. Burleigh
 I am seekin’ for a city, Hallelujah, For a city into de Hebben, Hallelujah!
 Lord, I don’t feel no-ways tired, Childaren! Oh, glory Hallelujah! For I hope to shout glory when dis worl’ is on fire, Chillen, Oh, glory Hallelujah!

Dere’s a better day a-comin’, Hallelujah, When I leave dis worl’ ob sorrow,
 Hallelujah, For to jine de holy number, Hallelujah. Lord, I don’t feel no-ways tired, Childaren! Oh, glory Hallelujah! For I hope to shout glory when dis worl’ is on fire, Chillen, Oh, glory Hallelujah!
 African-American spiritual
 Daniel Berry

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
 alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 155** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Rejoice, the Lord Is King *Darwall’s 148th*
***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**
May you find yourself rejoicing with God this week. May your actions and words be gentle and kind. May you spin your worries into prayer, and infuse those worry-spun prayers with gratitude as you lift them heavenward. May your mind be centered in the peace far beyond your understanding...

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Wir gläuben all an einen Gott, BWV 680 J. S. Bach
 (from the *Clavierübung*, Part III)
We All Believe in One God

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS
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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ellen Anderson and Jack Woodall
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Sue Byerly
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from 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): Caroline McRae and Abby Hatmaker

GREETERS (11:00): Tom and Georgann Byerley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Ellie Yates and Clara Oakes

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber and David Woodall

(11:00) Joanne White, Brian Bonnyman, Scott and Jerry Carley, Bill Rudd

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 the Hatmaker family to the Glory of God and to the honor of all lay ministers and Christian educators of WPC.

OUR THANKS to Daniel Berry for his enrichment of our worship this morning and to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is in St. Louis attending a choir reunion at his home church. In addition to singing with old friends, the alumni choir will have the privilege of singing for worship under a beloved former director and Peter's first private organ teacher, Ronald Jenkins.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will not meet this afternoon.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

TAKE SOME NEW MEXICO HOME: The beautiful photos hanging in the Schilling Gallery are an inspiring view of our youth's trip to Ghost Ranch. The show will continue through October, but why stop there? If you would like to purchase these beautiful framed photos, you will have that opportunity these next 3 weeks. You may place an order for your favorite photo with Renee during the week, and between Sunday School and Church on Sundays through Oct. 31. Suggested donations are: Small (9x12) \$20, Medium (14x18) \$30, and Large (20x24) \$40. All proceeds will support our youth. Thank you!!

WPC FALL FESTIVAL and NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Sunday, October 19 – 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The Cove at Concord Park

Fall Festival is next Sunday! We'll have activities for all ages! Our dinner menu includes pulled pork and hot dogs, beans, slaw and chips, lemonade, water and juice, and a large cake to welcome our recent new members. The cost for the full evening is just \$7 per person, with a maximum of \$25 per family. **Please sign up today** in the Schilling Gallery.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays

October 14 – Noon

The BLT class continues this week with a discussion of Chapter 3 of the Gospel of Mark and pages 19-29 in the study guide. Join us in the McKinnon Room at noon, and feel free to bring your lunch.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. The Mission Service team will provide our refreshments.

Wednesdays With Westminster

If you haven't attended Wednesdays with Westminster yet, there's still plenty of time. We've had some great speakers and amazing meals. Dinner begins at 5:45, followed by a speaker at 6:30. This week's meal is pork loin, green beans, apples, potato casserole and dessert. No reservations are needed, and there is a suggested donation of \$5 per person for dinner. Childcare is available.

October 15: The German pastor and theology professor Friedrich Schleiermacher has been called the "Founder of Modern Theology." His influence is felt today in theology, biblical studies, and for many he is seen as one of the heralds of feminist thought. He was also the subject of Dr. Phillips' work at Vanderbilt. Dr. Phillips will share about the personal and professional life of Schleiermacher.

October 22: We will have two options. Judy Rothermel will tell us about Legacy Letters, and our own Trustees will speak about the church's investments and endowments, and ways you can be involved.

Companions in Christ meet in the Prayer Room.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH will have a potluck picnic Thursday, October 16th at Adrienne Roberson's home at 1655 Roberson Lane in Loudon. We will meet at Kroger at Pellissippi and Northshore to organize carpools in time to arrive at our picnic at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Kathy Shilling if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DRAMA TRY-OUTS are next Sunday, October 19th. Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have a group audition from 12:00-12:20 p.m., and are free to leave after their audition. Youth in 3rd through 9th grades should plan to stay until 1:30. This year's production, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," will be presented Sunday, December 14th. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 12:00-2:00 p.m., beginning October 26th.

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WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you new to Westminster? Have you joined within the past year or have you been visiting and want to learn more about us? We will have the first of three classes for new members and interested newcomers on November 2 during the 10:00 Sunday school hour. We'll take a break on November 9 to join a class led by guest speaker Dr. Deanna Thompson, then resume on November 16 and 23. If you have questions, please contact Barbara or Mary.

Sanctuary Speaker Series

Deanna Thompson, PhD., author of *Hoping For More*, will grace our pulpit Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m., November 8 and Sunday morning, November 9 at both worship services. Dr. Thompson is a stage IV breast cancer survivor who documented her journey through disease and recovery in her thought-provoking book. This is not just a book for those who have personal experience with cancer. It is also a guide for reaching out to people with chronic or life-threatening illness. Please plan to join us for these events, and invite a friend.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bible Study meets in the McKinnon Room, led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger. This week we continue our study of the book of Genesis..

Current Topics meets in the Fellowship Hall. Today we continue "Introduction to the Middle East," led by Phil Barnette.

Faith and Life meets in the Prayer Room. Elizabeth Ridley and Larry Ridley are leading a study of Phillip Yancey's book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*.

Table Talk meets in the Library. The DVD/discussion series *Animate the Bible* is facilitated by Amanda Collins and Barbara McNew.

Coffee House is a time for coffee, conversation, and fellowship in the Schilling Gallery from 10:00-11:00 each Sunday morning.

THE SESSION

Class of 2015: Ellen Anderson, Jean Bonnyman, Hap McSween, Rick Oakes, Jack Woodall, Youth Elder - Lily Seidner

Class of 2016: Jerry Faerber, Vicki Mayfield, Scott Porter, Elizabeth Ridley, Angela Shilling

Class of 2017: Phil Barnette, Bitsy Ingram, William Milam, Bryan Powell, Brenda Seip

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

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